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Grand Lodge

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons assembled in the Town of Gretna, Province of Manitoba, on Thursday, July 26th A.D. 1944, A.L. 5944, for the purpose of dedicating the Masonic Hall.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland (12), St. Vital.....	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), Winnipeg.....	Deputy Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (140), Winnipeg, as Senior Grand Warden	
R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), St. Vital.....	Junior Grand Warden
W. Bro. G. Coblenz (55), Gretna.....	as Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Geo. E. Keyes (55), Winnipeg.....	as Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93), Winnipeg.....	G.D. of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. H. A. Good (12), Stonewall.....	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. J. B. McClure (138), St. Vital.....	Junior Grand Deacon
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V.W. Bro. F. H. Williams (146), Winnipeg.....	Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. T. G. Beatson (119), St. Vital.....	Grand Tyler

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at eight o'clock in the evening by M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, Grand Master, who announced that this Special Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in dedicating the Lodge Hall at Gretna, by request of East Star Lodge No. 55.

The Dedication ceremony was conducted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Samuel Burland and R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey who not only filled his own office, but in the unavoidable absence of R.W. Bro. H. B. Wallace, Grand Chaplain, also filled that office.

At the conclusion of the Dedication Service, R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey delivered an inspiring address befitting the

occasion. W. Bro. A. R. Dick, Master of East Star Lodge No. 55, and R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh, D.D.G.M. of the Eighth Masonic District also spoke.

Besides a fine representation of Grand Lodge Officers, nearly every Lodge in the Eighth Masonic District was represented, but the highlight in attendance was the fine representation of Brethren from several Lodges in the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

At the luncheon which followed, W. Bro. A. R. Dick acted as Toastmaster and called on several of the visitors. A short address given by R. W. Bro. Leon Pettit, D.D.G.M. of the First Masonic District in the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, was delivered in a most pleasing and fitting manner.

About Ninety brethren were in attendance.

L. C. WELSH,
D.D.G.M. Eighth Masonic District.



J.W.T. Russell
Grand Secretary.

MASONIC SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
CIVIC AUDITORIUM, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

Sunday, June 3rd, 1945, at 3 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

This order of service will be followed without announcement.

1. NATIONAL ANTHEM—

O Canada, our home and native land,
True patriot love in all thy sons command;
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The true North, strong and free;
And stand on guard, O Canada!
We stand on guard for thee;
O Canada! glorious and free.
We stand on guard, we stand on guard for thee;
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

2. THE GRAND MASTER—M.W. Brother Samuel Burland.

"My brethren, we are gathered together to worship God, and to render unto Him our thanksgiving and praise for all His mercies toward us during these years of war. Happily for us all, and for our loved ones, the war in Europe is at an end, and the might of the Allied nations is being turned to the Pacific theatre of war. Let us, in a spirit of humility and reverence join in this service, acknowledging the hand of the Great Architect of the Universe in all the events that have befallen us. With gladness in our hearts, and joy in our souls, we can join with the Psalmist when he says:

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us, then they had swallowed us up alive, when their wrath was kindled against us.

"Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul; then the proud water had gone over our soul." "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

3. OPENING HYMN—"All people that on earth do dwell."

4. CALL TO WORSHIP—The Grand Chaplain, Rev. H. B. Wallace.

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever."

5. PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)—

Almighty and Everlasting God, who makest wars to cease unto the ends of the earth, we praise and magnify Thy great

mercy, which has brought us to this hour. We bless Thy Holy Name that earth, sea and sky are safe again in Europe; that the guns are silent; and that Thou hast brought us to this day of peace. May we dedicate all victory to Thy glory. Amen.

6. PSALM 46—M.W. Bro. Harry Woods.
7. SCRIPTURE. Isaiah 40: 1-11—The Junior Grand Warden R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly.
8. HYMN—"Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;"
9. PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION—Dr. J. L. McInnis, P.G.C.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Almighty, and Everlasting God, who art King over all, and who in the multitude of Thy mercies hast brought us to this day. We thank thee for all Thy goodness and loving kindness. For the gracious Providence that guided and sustained us in the dark days of the War, and for the defence Thou didst raise up for us in our necessity; we give Thee thanks and praise. For the grace that upheld us through the years of peril and sorrow, and for the deliverance Thou didst vouchsafe to us: we praise and bless Thy Holy Name. We cried unto Thee in trouble, and Thou didst hear us: we put our trust in Thee, and we are not confounded.

Grant, O Lord, we humbly beseech Thee, that we, being mindful of Thy great goodness, may yield ourselves in new obedience to Thy Holy Will, and live as those who are not their own, but of the one great family of God, who liveth and reigneth, and is worshipped, and glorified, one God for evermore. Amen.

10. LITANY OF INTERCESSION—Canon G. R. Calvert, P.G.M.

Leader: "Almighty God, Who hast taught us to make supplications, prayers, and intercessions for all men, we pray this day for all those who are hungry and without bread; for those made homeless by war's desolation; for separated families; for all the bereaved; for orphaned children and for all who have suffered in any way under the scourge of war;"

Congregation: "We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord."

Leader: "For the men and women of our armed forces at home and throughout the world; for the sick and wounded in the hospitals; for doctors, nurses and all who minister to the sick and suffering; and for those who are prisoners of war;"

Congregation: "We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord."

Leader: "For our beloved nation and those whom we have placed in authority; for our homes that they may be God-fearing;

for our schools and the teachers of our children; and for all institutions and organizations that serve our country's welfare;"

Congregation: "We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord."

Leader: "For the children of the Living God throughout the world; for all who serve in Thy name; for missionaries at home and abroad; for chaplains in the armed forces; for those who have suffered through the hatreds, the cruelties, and inhumanities of war;"

Congregation: "We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord."

Leader: "For the uprooting of all causes of war; for the ending of prejudices of race and nation; for the confounding of those who delight in war and the strengthening of all peace makers;"

Congregation: "Hear us and use us, good Lord."

Leader: "For the triumph of justice in every human relationship; for the liberation of the oppressed and for the lasting freedom of all Thy children;"

Congregation: "Hear us and use us, good Lord."

Leader: "For the coming of that day when all men shall know the Lord God, whom to know is life eternal; for the coming of the time when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor learn war any more."

Congregation: "Hear us and use us, good Lord."

Leader: "O merciful Father, we beseech Thee so to send forth Thy Spirit into Thy world that all leaders of men everywhere, the rulers and spokesmen of the nations, may be instructed in the ways of peace, kept free from pride and evil ambitions, and so guided in all their doings that they may make known Thy ways upon the earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Amen.

11. PRAYERS—Dr. W. C. Graham.

For the Bereaved.

"O God, who art full of compassion, be near unto all them that are desolate and bereaved. For the widow and the fatherless we pray, for all parents who have lost their children, for all whose loved ones have been taken from them. Reveal Thyself to each and all, and gather them into fellowship with Thyself, that they may find in Thee comfort in their sorrow, and the sure hope of the life that is to come." Amen.

For the King and his advisers.

"O God, who providest for Thy people by Thy power and rulest over them in love: We beseech Thee to regard with Thy favour Thy servant our King; strengthen and protect him with Thy heavenly grace, and grant him the assurance of his people's loyalty and love. Guide all on whom is laid the burden of the

government of this Dominion and Empire; and direct the leaders and commanders of his hosts, and those of his allies, on sea and land and in the air; grant unto them at this time special gifts of wisdom, right judgment, and high resolve, that under Thy guiding hand we may be led to a righteous and abiding peace.” Amen.

For the rulers and peoples of all lands.

“O God, the Lord of kings and kingdoms, let Thy strong hand control the nations and order their doings unto fulfilment of Thy purposes upon the earth. Strengthen, we pray Thee, those who are striving after true brotherhood and are working for righteousness and peace. Guide the hearts and minds of rulers and statesmen, that they may seek first Thy Kingdom, and the establishment of justice and freedom for all peoples, both great and small.” Amen.

12. THE NATIONAL ANTHEM—

13. ADDRESS—The Depty Grand Master, Rev. P. T. Pilkey.
M.A., D.D.

14. A PERIOD OF SILENCE—In memory of those who have fallen (all standing).

Prayer of Remembrance.

“God of all worlds, who hast caused the light of life eternal to shine upon the world, we remember, in our prayer before Thee, all those who laid down their lives for our sakes, by whose fidelity we have been preserved in peace and safety and by whose sacrifice we live with quiet and grateful hearts; we commend them evermore to Thee, upheld at all times by the blessed assurance that Thou, O Lord, redeemest the souls of thy servants and that none who trust in Thee shall be desolate. Keep our love for our heroic dead unwasted in the midst of years, and so fill our hearts with the memory of their devotion, that we also, being faithful unto death, may receive with them the crown of life.” Amen.

15. HYMN—“O God, our help in ages past.”

16. PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND DEDICATION — The Junior Grand Warden R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly.

Let us confess our Sins to Almighty God:

“Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we confess that we have grievously sinned against Thee in thought, and word, and deed. We have come short of Thy Glory. We have turned every one of us from Thy way of life. Yet do Thou, O most merciful Father, hear us when we call upon Thee with

penitent hearts. Pardon our sins and grant us Thy peace. Confirm us in all goodness, that we may serve Thee with a quiet mind, and bring us to the life everlasting." Amen.

17. LITANY OF DEDICATION—

Leader: "To the patient acceptance of all the burdens which this war has brought upon us; to the sharing of all the sacrifices borne in our common cause; to the healing of all losses and devastations;"

Congregation: "We dedicate ourselves, O Lord."

Leader: "To the preservation of our cherished freedoms for which such sacrifices have been made;"

Congregation: "We dedicate ourselves, O Lord."

Leader: "To the seeking of ways and plans for the co-operation of nations now estranged; and to the effort to establish a world order of justice and peace;"

Congregation: "We dedicate ourselves, O Lord."

Leader: "To every struggle for justice both at home and abroad; to every effort to ensure to all men fullness of life;"

Congregation: "We dedicate ourselves, O Lord."

Leader: "To the creation and continuance of godly homes;"

Congregation: "We dedicate ourselves, O Lord."

Leader: "To discipline of our minds through thought and study; to preparation of our hearts through confession and prayer;"

Congregation: "We dedicate ourselves, O Lord."

18 PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)—

"Lord of all might, who art the only giver of victory, in whom alone men are made strong: Give us faith and courage to walk according to Thy law, turning neither to the right hand nor to the left, confident that Thou art for ever with us; to the glory of Thy holy name." Amen.

19. CLOSING HYMN—"Now thank we all our God,"

20. THE BENEDICTION—The Grand Chaplain, Rev. H. B. Wallace.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you all; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace in this world, and in the world to come may you have life everlasting." Amen.

ADDRESS BY THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,
Rev. P. T. Pilkey, M.A., D.D.

MASONIC SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Winnipeg Civic Auditorium, June 3rd, 1945

"And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper and practise, and shall destroy the mighty, and the holy people;

And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many; he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."—(Daniel 8: 23-25.)

The vision of Daniel depicted for us in these words is wholly occupied with the establishment of a great empire, its dissolution and dismemberment, after a swift career of conquest, and the godless despotism of Antiochus Epiphanes. Future events in the politics of world powers are epitomized for the prophet as he stands in the palace of Shushan. Across the river which was hard by the seer's station, there appears a ram having two lofty horns. Northward and southward and westward this great kingdom of Media and Persia accomplishes great things. But in the midst of its successes a he-goat, with a conspicuous horn between its eyes, comes from the west so swiftly over the face of all the earth, that it scarcely seems even to touch the ground, and runs upon the ram in the fury and violence of its strength, conquering and trampling upon him, and smashing in pieces his two horns. His impetuosity, however, is short-lived, for the great horn was speedily broken, and four other horns rose in its place towards the four winds of heaven. Out of one of these four horns grew a funny, insignificant horn, which became exceedingly great, towards the south and east and towards the Holy Land. It

grew so great that even the host of heaven was endangered. Proudly it rose up in defiance to the Prince of the host, polluting the dismantled sanctuary with sacrilegious arms, and cast the truth to the ground. In the midst of all its abominations, Daniel observed the continued prosperity of the horn. "How long would this terrible sacrilege be continued? When would the sanctuary, and all it represented in the good and decent things of life, and truth, and the stars of heaven cease to be trampled underfoot?"

Daniel is anxious to understand the enigma of the ram and the he-goat. Indeed he is so perplexed as to faint as he ponders it, but soon, in answer to his incessant searching, by prayer and confession, Gabriel is instructed to make clear the vision to Daniel. He finds Daniel prostrate upon the ground, but at once gives assurance that the great wrath was only for a fixed time. The two-horned ram, we are told in the context, is the kingdom of Media and Persia: The shaggy goat is the Empire of Greece and the great horn is its first king—Alexander the Great. This is broken and replaced by four inferior kingdoms, in one of which sacrilege and oppression and cruelty would culminate in the person of bold face, and skilled in cunning, who would become powerful, though not by his own strength. He would prosper and destroy mighty men, and the people of the holy ones, and his deceit and treachery would succeed by his double dealing. He would even contend against the Prince of princes, but he would be broken, and without hand.

Such is the vision and the interpretation.

There is always a necessary crudeness about symbolism and imagery. There are also grave difficulties to be encountered in any literal interpretation of the text before us. My brethren, I am not among those who believe that God's servant, who is credited with writing this wonderfully pregnant and timeless passage, penetrated the mysteries of the future and gave us a correct record of events that are transpiring in these momentous days. It is a fact, nevertheless, that no one who has followed the records of mankind, can gainsay even this—that history repeats it.

self. In the days of this Old Testament seer there existed certain injustices and cruelties which found the culmination of their dictatorial autoocracy in one Antiochus Epiphanes. Centuries have come and gone, and, though we cannot assert that the writer thought for a moment that in the great 20th century there would exist one answering in every way the description here, we cannot but feel that here we have portrayed for us the outstanding characteristics of a man called "Hitler."

In these latter days, we have again witnessed the smashing of the destructive forces and powers of evil and aggression, the humiliation of the Nazi gangsters, and the end of their programme of atrocities. What an end has been theirs! The mills of God still grind slowly and with exactness. Let this lesson be impressed upon our minds, written indelibly upon our hearts and consciences, that in the long run, evil cannot succeed. The odds are against every form of abomination and vice, whether in a person or in a nation. It rises, storms about, has its little day, but ultimately breaks in sunder upon the steadfast will of Almighty God. "This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. The Lord of hosts has purposed, and who shall disannul it? And his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?" Look back over the past five years of war! Reflect on Dunkerque, the blitz of 1940, and many other events, and count the milestones one by one! Two things surely emerge—the unalterable purpose of God, and the indomitable will of his people. Against this rock the egotism of Hitler and his gang, the rage of the Gestapo, and all the evil machinations of junkerdom, have hurled themselves, in a futile effort to thwart God's eternal purpose and enslave the world to their totalitarian philosophy. But they have been dashed to pieces. Faith has still its abiding citadel in our midst, a house of God in which he dwells, which neither force can harm nor into which fear can enter. It is meet for us to give thanks that the world, in which we find ourselves, is built on such a sure foundation. Let us never fail to acknowledge the gracious guidance of the

Great Architect of the Universe in all the way we have come through days of "blood, and sweat, and tears,"

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth: The strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand."—(Ps. 95: 1-7).

We do well today in assembling ourselves together in this solemn and dignified service of thanksgiving. Freemasons acknowledge allegiance to "that spirit that moves in and through all the changing flux of human experience," seek to know His will and purpose, and make it operative in their lives. For favors already received, we do earnestly and sincerely thank God. But as Freemasons, we come together for another very definite purpose. This service is designated as a service of Thanksgiving and Dedication. Not only do we look back over these difficult and anxious years, rejoice and give thanks, but we look ahead to new tasks and opportunities. Let no one think the silencing of the guns in Europe is the end of our responsibility. It is but the open door of opportunity. Destructive forces have been let loose on the world, and material things—buildings, churches, libraries, museums, historical relies—on a scale never known in human history have been devastated. Countless treasures of enormous value are destroyed and cannot be replaced. Not only have we suffered material losses but the character of people has been warped.

There is a gigantic job ahead of us to reconstruct our broken world. Rebuilding the cities now in ruins, the homes, roads and bridges, feeding millions at starvation's door, and all that will take time and skill, as well as materials of all kinds, but to rebuild character, to restore what the "locusts

have destroyed," to bring back integrity, kindness and a sense of justice and fair play among peoples is a task that will demand materials of quite a different sort. This is the problem of reconstruction. My brethren, today, let us be reminded of the spiritual energies that are available to us in this great task. There is an essential something that must be contributed if we are to gain success. Much of our trouble is due to the neglect of these spiritual forces. We have been devising plans that statesmen and legislators might ratify, in order that a new world might appear. It is now time to remind ourselves of these neglected spiritual factors. In Winnipeg recently we were told that whatever was done at San Francisco would at best be but a document on paper, and that only the will of the people of the nations could make it have permanent value to the peace of the world. The prophet Jeremiah enunciated this great truth when he said that the law of God must not only be written in the law book, but in the hearts of men.

So I say to you, my brethren, the first and basic problem that confronts us, lies largely in human nature. It is not a political or economic problem primarily, but a moral and spiritual one. It is the wrong attitude of men — their selfishness, their greed for things rather than for values, their narrow-mindedness, their fear to embark on a new adventure—that is the brake on the wheels of progress toward a new and better world. A traveller, by train, six o'clock in the morning, and 30 degrees below zero, found himself in a wreck. When the first sleeper rolled off the embankment, it was practically submerged in icy water. The second sleeper fell only part way. The third remained on the track. Desperately the work of rescue was rushed by the train crew, and hastily dressed passengers. One by one the unfortunate victims were lifted from the submerged car and laid in berths of the unwrecked Pullman. A trained nurse, a capable young English woman, who happened to be aboard, assumed control and soon the entire company was at work under her direction, bandaging, rubbing, doing everything possible to relieve the injured. In the midst of these ministrations one passenger revealed his state of mind. He had dressed himself to the last button, and was

parading the aisle with overcoat, gloves, and cane. Then as the harassed conductor was rushing by, he stopped him, and in a drawl, peculiar to his kind, he said: "I say, conductor, evidently it will be impossible for us to go further on this line. We shall have to go back and go round by another road. Will my pass be good on that road?" The official looked at him in disgust and amazement. "My God, man!" he cried, "don't you know there has been a wreck?"

This incident, I submit, is deeply significant. Here is the real cause of all the trouble we are experiencing. This is the explanation of our failure in the war against war, and of many another effort to the realization of high ideals. We are hampered by this fellow who does not know there has been a wreck. He keeps bobbing up in all sorts of perplexing situations and difficulties. In disarmament conferences, he has a front seat: When legislatures meet behind closed doors, he steps in and leads in the discussion; he whispers to prime ministers; edits newspapers; engineers strikes; gets hold of big finance, and is a most ubiquitous and insolent sort of chap.

We still insist on talking of sin theologically in the church. We refuse to see what it really means in every day life, and so have little conscience or distress about it. Sin belongs to the slum and to the rough necks, of course, but it is not really a very serious thing, so far as we are concerned. This seems to be the normal attitude of many good people today. Events of the past few years, however, have somewhat disturbed our complaisance.

In these years one of the most humiliating revelations has been the number of pseudo-statesmen who refuse to think in world terms. If they know there has been a wreck, they have been concerned only with its effect upon their own nation and their own fortunes. During the fighting period of the war, we were amazed and chagrined at the re-appearance of the brute in human nature. We thought he had been buried by our fine civilization and would never be seen or heard of again. But the brute came back. We fought like

beasts, felt like them and lived like them. Man has been a long time on the earth and has advanced from the savage to lethal chambers for the aged. The story since the last war is only the same lower life in other expressions. Like this man in the wreck, we have been revealing how selfish and small human nature can be. We have thought too little of the wreck and too much of what it has done to us. It is selfishness—personal and national—the brute impulse in another guise—that prevails.

There is among us what Philip Gibbs calls “a disease of the soul.” He tells of a deep pessimism “which has robbed people of the will-power to resist avoidable evils and a loss of faith in men; an abandonment of the ethical code, and a revival of pagan belief in physical force, tribal rights, and the material basis of life.” All this means, of course, is simply the man who did not know there was a wreck, magnified and projected all over the screen. It is individual selfishness writ large. The economic break-down, the persistent and perhaps the rising tide of militarism, the misuse of science for destruction rather than for service, is all the result, and we shall never change the result until we really alter the cause.

That is the thing that challenges us in every programme of betterment. Just as surely as an engineer must take into account quicksand, water, or any other obstacle when he begins his construction, so we must take account of wrong human nature. How can we build strength out of weakness, and establish a brotherhood where men are jealous and careless of one another? You cannot get an A1 state out of a C3 population. It is not new mechanics we need today but a new dynamic.

In view of these considerations, we call upon the Free-masons of Manitoba to dedicate themselves anew to these high purposes. We believe in God, in the philosophy of our teachings to build character in men, and in the latent potentialities of our fellow men. Let us to the task. The new world and the better world will come when you and I do our part.

We shall stand, reverently bowing down, and remember those who have given all, even life itself, that you and I might have an opportunity to meet this challenge.

One-half minute silence: Prayer of Remembrance.

"God of all worlds, who hast caused the light of life eternal to shine upon the world, we remember, in our prayer before Thee, all those who laid down their lives for our sakes, by whose fidelity we have been preserved in peace and safety, and by whose sacrifice we live with quiet and grateful hearts; we commend them evermore to Thee, upheld at all times by the blessed assurance that Thou, O Lord, redeemest the souls of Thy servants and that none who trust in Thee shall be desolate. Keep our love for our heroic dead unwasted in the midst of the years, and so fill our hearts with the memory of their devotion, that we also, being faithful unto death, may receive with them the crown of life."

Amen.

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. 1945

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, met in Annual Communication in the Royal Alexandra Hotel, in the City of Winnipeg, June 6th, 1945 and was opened in Ample Form by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Samuel Burland, at 2.30 p.m., prayer being offered by R. W. Bro. Rev. H. B. Wallace, Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland (12), St. Vital Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey (25), Winnipeg	Deputy Grand Master
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R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), Winnipeg Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Rev. H. B. Wallace (6), Emerson Grand Chaplain
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), Winnipeg	..... Grand Historian
R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer (10), Winnipeg	..... as Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Howard A. Good (12), Norwood	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. J. B. McClure (138), St. Vital	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. N. Rotshtein (141), Winnipeg	Senior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. F. H. Williams (146), Norwood	Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyons (130), Winnipeg	..... Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. S. R. Bird (151), Winnipeg	..... Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. T. G. Beatson (119), Norwood Grand Tyler
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3), Winnipeg D.D.G.M. 1st Masonic District
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R.W. Bro. W. H. Zachary (63), Holland	D.D.G.M. 3rd Masonic District
R.W. Bro. F. B. Lynes (71), Crystal City	D.D.G.M. 4th Masonic District
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		W. Bro. D. Milliken
		W. Bro. J. Mowat
		W. Bro. A. A. Reid
		W. Bro. A. T. Woolston

TUSCAN LODGE No. 141:

MT. SINAI LODGE No. 143:

W. Bro. Harry A. Kaplan M.	R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green
Bro. S. Golden S.W.	V.W. Bro. C. J. Bermack
Bro. T. J. Serebrin . . . J.W.	W. Bro. A. J. Blond
	W. Bro. F. B. Dubinsky
	W. Bro. Solomon Frank
	W. Bro. J. Fred
	W. Bro. I. J. Goldstine
	W. Bro. Earo Haid
	W. Bro. Wm. Leonoff
	W. Bro. Chas. Powell
	W. Bro. H. J. Nusgart

W. Bro. J. L. Rill
 W. Bro. L. A. Seipp
 W. Bro. A. E. Weidman

FORT OSBORNE LODGE No. 144:

W. Bro. G. Y. Cook M.	W. Bro. E. D. Chable
Bro. J. F. Kristjansson S.W.	W. Bro. T. B. Findlay
Bro. F. W. Woodward J.W.	W. Bro. J. R. Glenn

STURGEON CREEK LODGE No. 145:

W. Bro. H. F. Giller M.	W. Bro. W. E. Batchelor
Bro. L. D. Bester S.W.	W. Bro. D. A. Best
	W. Bro. E. W. Browne
	W. Bro. W. F. Kerby
	W. Bro. N. McIntosh

FIDELITY LODGE No. 146:

Bro. C. A. Cook S.W.	R.W. Bro. Geo. Florence
Bro. W. W. Pile J.W.	R.W. Bro. J. J. Sinclair
	V.W. Bro. F. H. Williams
	W. Bro. M. H. Acheson
	W. Bro. D. Burnside
	W. Bro. N. B. MacTaggart
	W. Bro. S. C. Swanton

JUBILEE LODGE No. 147:

W. Bro. H. A. Cauglin

SEVEN OAKS LODGE No. 148:

W. Bro. Harvey Thompson M.	R.W. Bro. F. W. Brownell
	W. Bro. S. V. Basley
	W. Bro. F. Burrows
	W. Bro. Jas. Love
	W. Bro. George Macauley
	W. Bro. E. J. Scott

CARTWRIGHT LODGE No. 150:

R.W. Bro. W. H. Newton

THE DORMER LODGE No. 151:

W. Bro. C. H. Wells . . . M.	R.W. Bro. Rev. H. Sherstone
Bro. E. Taylor S.W.	V.W. Bro. S. R. Bird
Bro. E. Melhuish . . . J.W.	W. Bro. G. Ball
	W. Bro. W. G. Brisley
	W. Bro. J. Elder
	W. Bro. A. E. Longstaffe
	W. Bro. R. W. Ross
	W. Bro. Sydney Smith

FOXWARREN LODGE No. 152:

Bro. E. H. Ranson, S.W.

FLIN FLON LODGE No. 153:

W. Bro. A. T. Heyland . . . M.

PINE FALLS LODGE No. 154:

W. Bro. G. A. Stewart . . . M. R.W. Bro. D. C. Robertson
Bro. W. B. Dimock . . . S.W. W. Bro. Wm. Bird
Bro. B. H. Campbell . . J.W. W. Bro. J. J. Jackson

CARMAN LODGE No. 155:

W. Bro. A. E. Shewfelt M.
Bro. Louis Sures . . . J.W. R.W. Bro. A. W. Badger
W. Bro. M. Dorfman
W. Bro. J. Millroy
W. Bro. G. W. Weaver

MANITOUWAPA LODGE No. 156:

W. Bro. H. S. Rutherford . . . M. W. Bro. D. Ferguson
Bro. T. Moorbeay J. W.

Honorary Members:

M.W. Bro. Louis H. Colson
M.W. Bro. Chauncey C. Colton
M.W. Bro. Wm. F. Holman
M.W. Bro. Ralph W. Stanford
M.W. Bro. Harry Gill
M.W. Bro. Chas. H. Pollock
R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate

Distinguished Guests:

M.W. Bro. Karl J. Mohr
R.W. Bro. W. B. Congdon
M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter
M.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland
M.W. Bro. H. W. Swenson
R.W. Bro. J. A. Stormon
W. Bro. Frank L. Eversull

ADOPTING REGULATIONS

Moved by R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), seconded by R. W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), that the regulations for conducting the Sessions of Grand Lodge be adopted as printed. Carried.

READING OF MINUTES

Moved by M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140), seconded by R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer (10), that the Minutes of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, having been printed in the Proceedings, be taken as read. Carried.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS

The Grand Secretary reported the following nominations had been received for the Grand Lodge Officers, Board of General Purposes and District Deputy Grand Masters:

Grand Master:

R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, Ionic Lodge No. 25.

Deputy Grand Master:

R.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, Tweed Lodge No. 113.

Senior Grand Warden:

R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Windsor Lodge No. 138.

Junior Grand Warden:

W. Bro. J. Ferguson Irwin, Neepawa Lodge No. 24.

R.W. Bro. Jas. D. Harrower, Wawanesa Lodge No. 67.

R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, Shiloh Lodge No. 70.

R.W. Bro. A. K. Cates, Reston Lodge No 104.

Grand Treasurer:

R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Grand Secretary:

R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114.

Grand Chaplain:

R.W. Bro. Rev. H. B. Wallace, Emerson Lodge No. 6.

Grand Historian:

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Director of Ceremonies:

W. Bro. R. C. Scanes, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Grand Librarian:

R.W. Bro. C. E. Somerset, Lisgar Lodge No. 2.

District Deputy Grand Masters:

First Masonic District:

W. Bro. James Wardrope, Empire Lodge No. 127.

Second Masonic District:

W. Bro. Jas. Mathewson, Neepawa Lodge No. 24.

Third Masonic District:

W. Bro. Wm. J. Young, Cypress Lodge No. 82.

Fourth Masonic District:

W. Bro. Murdo Maclean, Morden Lodge No. 13.

Fifth Masonic District:

W. Bro. Thomas W. Offen, Rivers Lodge No. 115.

Sixth Masonic District:

W. Bro. John Cuthill, Reston Lodge No. 104.

W. Bro. Frank S. Guthrie, Reston Lodge No. 104.

Seventh Masonic District:

W. Bro. J. C. Lundy, Composite Lodge No. 64.

Eighth Masonic District:

W. Bro. A. J. Sawatsky, King Solomon Lodge No. 8.

Ninth Masonic District:

W. Bro. Geo. W. Russenholt, Favel Lodge No. 126.

Tenth Masonic District:

W. Bro. R. W. Ross, The Dormer Lodge No. 151.

Twelfth Masonic District:

W. Bro. George P. Fairbairn, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130.

Board of General Purposes:

- R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.
- R.W. Bro. Robt. M. Muckle, Lisgar Lodge No. 2.
- R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.
- W. Bro. S. J. Sametz, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.
- R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy, St. John's Lodge No. 4.
- W. Bro. S. M. Stephens, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7.
- W. Bro. W. J. McGregor, Gladstone Lodge No. 11.
- W. Bro. A. J. Christie, Ionic Lodge No. 25.
- W. Bro. Fred. H. Blythe, King Edward Lodge No. 93.
- R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorrin, Glenwood Lodge No. 27.
- R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter, Acacia Lodge No. 111.
- R.W. Bro. Wm. McLellan, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114.
- R.W. Bro. Les. C. Welsh, Patricia Lodge No. 125.
- W. Bro. A. E. Duff, Fort Garry Lodge No. 130.
- R.W. Bro. George E. Miles, Capitol Lodge No. 136.
- V.W. Bro. Wm. Paterson, Capitol Lodge No. 136.
- V.W. Bro. S. W. Robertson, Beaver Lodge No. 139.
- R.W. Bro. Dave MacKay, Meridian Lodge No. 140.
- R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green, Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 143.
- R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.
- V.W. Bro. H. A. Good, Stonewall Lodge No. 12.

CORRESPONDENCE

Regrets for absence were received from the following brethren:

M.W. Bro. Robert Hawkins.
R.W. Bro. W. R. McConnell.
R.W. Bro. O. S. Ross.
R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman.

also from

M.W. Bro. Wm. P. Sturtz, Minnesota.
R.W. Bro. John H. Anderson, Minnesota, Grand Secretary.
M.W. Bro. Mark I. Forkner, North Dakota.
M.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, North Dakota.
M.W. Bro. Rex Terry, South Dakota.
R.W. Bro. E. F. Strain, South Dakota, Grand Secretary.
R.W. Bro. E. G. Dixon, Ontario, Grand Secretary.
M.W. Bro. Wm. Menzies, British Columbia.
M.W. Bro. W. R. Simpson, British Columbia, Grand
Secretary.
M.W. Bro. George Moore, Alberta, Grand Secretary.
M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis, Alberta.
M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, Alberta.
M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, Alberta.
M.W. Bro. C. P. Seeley, Saskatchewan.

These brethren all conveyed hearty fraternal greetings, to our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, with their best wishes for a most successful Grand Lodge Communication.

Grand Chapter of Manitoba Order of the Eastern Star.

June 7th, 1945.

Mr. J. H. G. Russell,
Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Royal Alexandra Hotel,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Mr. Russell:

It was unanimously voted at our Session today that Greetings and best wishes be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., now in Session, from the Officers and members of the Order of the Eastern Star in Session at the Fort Garry Hotel.

We trust your deliberations will be all that you wish them to be and that you have a most successful and harmonious Session.

We enjoyed having your Worshipful Grand Master and his officers with us on Tuesday evening.

Very truly yours,

EDITH KEEL,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES 1944—1945

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes presents herewith a brief synopsis of its activities since the last Communication of Grand Lodge.

Your Board has held six meetings, with an average attendance of 29.

MEETING OF JUNE 8th, 1944 (28 Present)

The Board was convened immediately following the close of Grand Lodge, with 28 members present. R.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, being Deputy Grand Master, became President of the Board, and R.W. Bro. Maurice Donovan, Senior Grand Warden, was appointed Vice-president.

A Committee was appointed to strike the Standing Committees of the Board as follows:

M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, Chairman
M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt
M.W. Bro. George Hunter
M.W. Bro. Norman J. Black

MEETING OF JULY 7th, 1944
(22 Present)

The meeting was called to receive and consider the report of the Committee to strike Standing Committees for the year 1944-1945. In the unavoidable absence of the President, the Vice-president presided.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, and was considered seriatim. Some amendments were made and the report finally adopted as a whole.

Some consideration was given to revising "The Standard By-laws" for constituent Lodges, and the matter referred to the Committee on "The Condition of Freemasonry" for investigation and review.

The delegation from this Grand Lodge to the Banff Conference was determined for 1944.

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16th, 1944
(27 Present)

The Vice-president presided in the absence of the President.

The Grand Secretary reported the completion of a contract with Birks-Dingwall for a supply of fifty-year jewels.

Correspondence was received concerning two Lodges:

- a. Deloraine Lodge No. 40 was granted permission to remove to new premises. The request was supported by R.W. Bro. T. A. Taylor, D.D.G.M. of the Sixth Masonic District.
- b. Request from Shellmouth Lodge No. 129 to relinquish its charter was referred to the Committee on "The Condition of Freemasonry" and the D.D.G.M. of District Five, for investigation and report.

The Committee on "The Condition of Freemasonry" reported:

- a. Re plans for a Conference of the D.D.G.M.'s in Winnipeg on November 17th.
- b. Re plans for a meeting of all Masters elect in the First and Twelfth Masonic Districts.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Sam Burland reported on the Banff Conference.

The Grand Secretary made a statement re East Star Lodge No. 55 at Gretna, revealing some conditions in the Lodge that were unsatisfactory. This matter was referred to the Committee on "The Condition of Freemasonry" for investigation and report.

A report from R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman, Chairman of the Committee on "Masonic Research and Education" was deferred. This had to do with the paper "Masonry in Manitoba."

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17th, 1944
(35 Present)

The President presided.

A cordial welcome was extended to the D.D.G.M.'s, all of whom had attended the Conference in the afternoon.

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1 wrote suggesting a Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving at the end of the war in Europe. This was referred to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee on "Masonic Research and Education" deferred from the last meeting of the Board was considered, and the publication of an Official Paper was finally approved.

The Committee on "The Condition of Freemasonry" reported re Shellmouth Lodge No. 129. The D.D.G.M., of the Fifth Masonic District shows that there are only four resident members, all of whom are advanced in years; that these members do not wish to join Russell Lodge on account of their inability to attend; of the three trustees, two are dead and the other is non-resident; the remaining members of the Lodge would like the remaining trustee relieved of responsibility for the indebtedness on the Lodge premises; there are no other debts. The Committee recommended that the request of Shellmouth Lodge No. 129, to surrender its charter be approved, and that the Board so recommend to the next Communication of Grand Lodge, for action.

Progress was reported re East Star Lodge.

The Investment Committee reported on Bond Purchases:
\$5,500 from the Beneficiary Fund—7th Victory Loan.
\$500 from the Benevolent Endowment Fund—7th Victory Loan.

This action was approved.

The Special War Services Committee reported 928 names of Members, sons and daughters of Members enrolled as enlisted in the services, and employment of clerical assistance to index these names was approved.

Conditions of Masonic Lodges in Malta was reported and £200 Sterling granted for their assistance and relief.

Under Section 55 of the Constitution, the Board recommended to the Grand Lodge the conferring of Honorary Membership to the Board, of R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr of Brandon, in recognition of many years of service to this Grand Lodge in reviewing the proceedings of sister Grand jurisdictions.

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16th, 1945
(27 Present)

The President presided.

A letter was received from the United Grand Lodge of England, expressing appreciation for the contribution from this Grand Lodge for the relief of bombed people in England.

A request from Shiloh Lodge No. 70, Roland, to sell part of its property was granted.

Recommended that the newly installed D.D.G.M.'s meet on Friday morning following Grand Lodge for instruction and Conference, and that the extra expense be borne by the Grand Lodge.

It was reported that 84 Lodges had received 4,000 subscriptions to "Masonry in Manitoba."

Received a report from the Investment Committee of the sale of a number of bonds (face value of \$96,500.00), having a market value of \$111,600.00, with accrued interest of \$859.21, a total value of \$112,456.21, with which was purchased 3% Dominion of Canada 7th Victory Loan, amounting to \$111,500.00, with accrued interest of \$962.25, a total asset of \$112,462.25.

The attention of the Board was called to the unique service of many years, of R. W. Brother W. A. Piper of Sprague Lodge No. 132. It was recommended that the Grand Lodge be requested to waive the present resident qualifications, and grant R.W. Bro. Piper, a Fifty-year Jewel.

MEETING OF APRIL 20th, 1945
(28 Present)

The President presided.

Notices of Motion re amendments to the Constitution were received, found to be in order by the Committee on "Jurisprudence and Appeals," and referred to the next Communication of Grand Lodge for its judgment.

The Past Masters of Ophir Lodge No. 112, Beausejour, laid a charge of "Unmasonic Conduct" against a member of that Lodge. The Board found the charge to come under Section 199, subsections "o" and "r" and appointed a trial commission to adjudicate charge.

A request from Stonewall Lodge No. 12, Stonewall, to sell its present Lodge premises, and to purchase the former Baptist church for its meeting place was approved. This request was supported by the D.D.G.M. of the Tenth Masonic District.

Received a full report from the Committee on "Research and Education," recommending that on and after the first day of January, 1946, the paper "Masonry in Manitoba" be issued by the Grand Lodge, free to every member of the jurisdiction. The Board approves of this recommendation.

The Board approved a suggestion proposed by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, and supported by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Chairman of the Finance Committee, that each Regular and Special Committee of the Board submit to the Finance Committee sometime before the opening of Grand Lodge, a carefully prepared and itemized estimate of the finances required to carry on their activities for the year. Upon this basis the Finance Committee will prepare its budget for submission to the Grand Lodge.

MEETING OF JUNE 6th, 1945
(37 Present)

The Board of General Purposes met this morning at ten o'clock. Reports of the several committees of the Board were received, considered, and approved. These reports will be presented to this Communication of Grand Lodge for your information and approval.

Your Board of General Purposes has had a busy year. There have been six -meetings held, with an average attendance

of 29. The meetings have been harmonious, and carried on with a desire on the part of every member of the Board to serve the Craft with a maximum of efficiency and faithfulness.

All of which is respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Board.

P. T. PILKEY,
President.

J. H. G. RUSSELL,
Secretary.

Presented by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh (125). Carried.

R. W. BROTHER HUGH M. KERR

That in view of the many years of faithful and efficient service to this Grand Lodge in reviewing the several Proceedings of the sister Grand Jurisdictions, and preparing the excellent reports that have appeared in the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge from year to year on Foreign Correspondence:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Honorary Membership to the Board of General Purposes be conferred on our esteemed Right Worshipful Brother Hugh M. Kerr of Brandon, Manitoba, and that the said Right Worshipful Brother Hugh M. Kerr be made, constituted, and declared forthwith, to be an Honorary Member of the Board of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge.

Presented by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102). Carried.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER WILLIAM A. PIPER

Whereas our esteemed and beloved R.W. Brother William A. Piper has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity for more than fifty-three years, and a member of this Grand Lodge for more than twenty-four years; and a Past Master for forty-four years:

And whereas, R.W. Brother Piper has rendered outstanding service to the Craft being the first Charter member of Sprague Lodge No. 132, and Master of that Lodge in 1921, 1924 and the present Master of the Lodge:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Grand Communication recognize the long and faithful service of R.W. Brother William A. Piper by granting to him the Fifty-year Jewel of this Grand Lodge.

Presented by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4). Carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I beg to submit for your consideration the Seventieth Annual Report of Grand Lodge for the year ending March 31st, 1945.

The Proceedings of our last Annual Communication were compiled, printed and copies mailed to our Constituent Lodges, the members of the Board of General Purposes and the Grand Lodges with whom we hold Fraternal relations.

The usual Warning Circulars and all official notices were prepared and mailed, also Certificates for all Grand Lodge Officers, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Master Mason Certificates, Past Master Certificates and Life Members' Certificates were attended to.

We prepared "In Memoriams" for three of our Past Grand Masters in the persons of our late M.W. Bro. William Fenwick, M.W. Bro. Edward Maxwell Walker and M.W. Bro. George Nelson Jackson. These were mailed to our Constituent Lodges and all Grand Lodges with whom we hold Communication.

The yearly Returns were received from all the Constituent Lodges, covering their activities for the year 1944. From these returns we are pleased to report that we had a gross increase in our membership of 828, but regret to report that our losses through Demits, Suspensions and Deaths of 383 reduce our gain to a net of 445. You will see by the following comparative statements the record of our membership for the past two years.

These figures cover the full year, in each year:

Number of Lodges, December 31st, 1944.....	104
Membership at December 31st, 1943.....	10,133

	1943	1944
Initiated	368	617
Affiliated	100	131
Reinstated	88	80
	556	828
		828
		10,961

Loss:

Through Demits	118	118
Through Suspension	75	53
Through Death	210	212
	403	383
		383

Membership as at December 31st, 1944	10,578
Net gain for the year.....	445

77 Lodges had no Suspensions in 1944 as against 70 Lodges in 1943.

79 Lodges showed an increase in membership in 1944 as against 63 in 1943.

8 Lodges remained stationary in membership in 1944, as against 14 Lodges in 1943.

17 Lodges showed a loss in membership in 1944 as against 14 Lodges in 1943.

Degrees Conferred During the Year:

	1943	1944
Initiated	368	619
Passed	338	502
Raised	322	535
	1,028	1,656

The following Dispensations were authorized during the year:

Joint Installation of Officers	6
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Attend Church Service with Regalia:

Past Masters Association of Winnipeg	1
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Masonic Districts	7
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Constituent Lodges	21
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To hold Special Meetings	5
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New By-Laws and Changes	16
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To change hour or date of Regular Meeting	22
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To change of date for Election and Installation of Officers	10
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To confer Degrees within prescribed time	12
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Waivers of Jurisdiction	8
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Total Dispensations	108
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New Lodge Halls:

Stonewall Lodge No. 12 have purchased the Baptist Church and are making a few alterations which will give them a more commodious and better Lodge Quarters than their old building. We offer them our congratulations and are sure they will continue to grow in membership and carry on their good work.

Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92 who purchased a brick building last year and turned it into a fine Lodge Hall, made the final payment in January last and now have their building free of debt. We offer them our hearty congratulations and every good wish for the future.

We are very sorry that our Shellmouth Lodge No. 129 is asking permission of Grand Lodge to surrender their Charter on account of not having enough resident members to carry on their Lodge work.

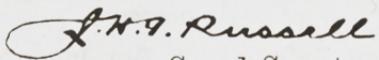
There were a large number of courtesy Degrees conferred on our brethren in the various Grand Lodges throughout our Dominion, England and Scotland and our sincere thanks are expressed to all the Lodges interested.

The following are the Grand Representatives appointed during 1944, near other Grand Jurisdictions, and also near this Grand Jurisdiction: The appointment of the following Grand Representatives was approved by our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, and the Commissions sent.

Our Grand Representatives near other Grand Jurisdictions		Date of Commission
Rio de Janerio.....	W. Bro. L. Bert Love	November 11, 1944
	Vice Bro. Leon Bensabet, resigned.	
Puerto Rico.....	M.W. Bro. Leon G. Reyes	May 4, 1945
	Vice R.W. Bro. G. W. Roberts, deceased.	
New York	W. Bro. Julius N. Hoff.....	March 15, 1945
	Vice R.W. Bro. C. H. G. Sorge, whose term of office has expired.	
Indiana	W. Bro. Harry J. Beers.....	February 5, 1945
	Vice Bro G. W. Schneider, deceased.	
Grand Representatives near this Grand Jurisdiction		Date of Commission
West Virginia	R.W. Bro. David Griffith.....	November 27, 1944
	Vice M.W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick, deceased.	
Mississippi	R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey.....	February 9, 1945
	Vice M.W. Bro. G. N. Jackson, deceased.	
South Dakota	W. Bro. Jas. Wardrobe.....	April 10, 1945
	Vice R.W. Bro. Tom Stockdale. removed from the Jurisdiction.	
Idaho	W. Bro. David A. Best.....	April 21, 1945
	Vice R.W. Bro. H. French, whose term of office has expired.	
Wisconsin	W. Bro. Norman M. Hall.....	May 7, 1945
	Vice V.W. Bro. J. Edwards, deceased.	
Florida	R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green.....	April 30, 1945
	Vice M.W. Bro. Robert Hawkins, whose term of office has expired.	
Massachusetts	R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes.....	May 1, 1945
	Vice R.W. Bro. Rev. G. W. Findlay, whose term of office has expired.	

I wish to express my personal thanks to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, other Grand Lodge Officers, and our Standing Committees for their kindness and consideration during the past year, and to the Secretaries of our Constituent Lodges for their valued co-operation during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary.

Moved by R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), that the Grand Secretary's Report be received and referred to the Committee on Grand Secretary's Report. Carried.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Grand Treasurer, begs to submit for your consideration and approval the following Statements covering the several accounts in connection with the finances of Grand Lodge, for the year ending March 31st, 1945:

General Fund

Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.

Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditures.

Exhibit "C"—Statement of Receipts and Expenditures

Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.

Schedule "2"—Details of Miscellaneous Expenditures.

Benevolent Endowment and Beneficiary Funds:

Exhibit "D"—Balance Sheet.

Exhibit "E"—Statement of Income and Expenditures.

Exhibit "F"—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.

Schedule "3"—Details of Cash Receipts.

Schedule "4"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund Payments.

Schedule "5"—Statement of Mortgage Loans.

All these accounts have been audited and found to be in order as per the Auditors' Certificate appended thereto.

In presenting the Seventieth Annual Report on the finances of Grand Lodge, it is a pleasure to record that for the first time in a number of years, the General Fund, from which Grand Lodge derives the necessary revenue to carry on its activities, shows a fairly satisfactory surplus. This has been made possible by the increased per capita assessment approved at last year's Communication (for one year).

It should not be overlooked however, that the funds which make up this surplus were not available in time to be used in carrying out the proposed programme prepared by the Standing Committees for the betterment of the Craft.

These Committees, particularly the Committees on the Condition of Freemasonry and on Masonic Research and Education, have prepared programmes for the improvement of the Craft, which, with the funds now available can be put into effect during the ensuing year. In order to derive expected benefits from these plans, they must be continued and expanded from year to year. This will entail substantially increased expenditures. The main source of revenue is from the per capita assessment. It is hoped therefore that the Amendment to the Constitution to be dealt with at this Communication increasing the assessment to \$1.50 as a permanent source of revenue will receive the favorable consideration of the brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. BURGESS,
Grand Treasurer.

April 11th, 1945.

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. Winnipeg, Manitoba.

We desire to report that we have audited the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1945, and in connection submit the following Financial Statements.

General Fund:

Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Exhibit "C"—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.
Schedule "2"—Details of Miscellaneous Expenditure.

Benevolent Endowment Fund and Beneficiary Fund:

Exhibit "D"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "E"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
Exhibit "F"—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.
Schedule "3"—Details of Cash Receipts.
Schedule "4"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund.
Schedule "5"—Statement of Mortgage Loans.

Cash in Bank:

The balances at Bank were confirmed by certificates obtained by us direct from the Bank.

Investments:

The securities representing the investments were inspected by us and found in order.

All Bonds and Debentures are fully registered in the name of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Yours truly,

ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO.

Chartered Accountants.

Exhibit "A"

BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1945

ASSETS

Current:

Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	...	\$7,571.85
Cash in Hand (Petty)	.....	8.48
Accounts Receivable (Per Schedule "1")	.....	487.84
		<u>\$8,068.17</u>

Inventories:

Supplies and Stock	.....	\$3,425.00
Valued at	.....	1.00

Equipment:

Furniture and Fixtures	.....	\$ 711.00
Regalia	.....	540.00
Library and Fixtures	.....	2,500.00
		<u>\$3,751.00</u>
Valued at	.....	1.00

\$8,070.17

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (Masonic Paper)	.....	802.88
Surplus (Per Exhibit "B")	.....	7,267.29
		<u>\$8,070.17</u>

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.F., for the year ended March 31st, 1945, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1945.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 11th, 1945.

Exhibit "B"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1945

INCOME

Dues	\$13,261.50
Initiations	1,212.00
M.M. Certificates	1,063.00
P.M. Certificates	63.00
L.M. Certificates	60.00
Dispensations	38.00
Insurance (Fire)	40.00
 Total Income	 \$15,737.50

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	\$4,305.92
Rent	800.00
Postage and Stamp Tax	291.67
Stationery and Office Supplies	334.81
Supplies	337.64
Regalia, Grand Master	193.50
Expense Grand Master	500.00
L.M. Certificates	39.92
M.M. Certificates	40.78
Committee on Conditions of Freemasonry	12.32
Library Maintenance	1,239.75
Masonic Research and Educational	17.14
Jewel, P.G.M.	60.00
Unemployment Insurance	28.62
Exchange	30.05
Miscellaneous	2,947.77
 Total Expenditure	 11,179.89
Net Income for Year	\$ 4,557.61
Surplus as at March 31st, 1944	2,709.68
 Surplus as at March 31st, 1945	 \$ 7,267.29

Exhibit "C"

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1945

RECEIPTS

Subordinate Lodges	\$17,139.93
Masonic Paper	986.00
Cash Sales—Supplies, etc.	21.65
Exchange	3.60
Insurance (Fire)	40.00
 Total Receipts	 \$18,191.18
Cash in Bank April 1st, 1944	\$4,162.28
Cash on Hand April 1st, 1944 .....	.70
Cash on Hand April 1st, 1944 (Petty)	11.93
	4,174.91
	 \$22,366.09

DISBURSEMENTS

Loan Repaid	\$2,000.00
Salaries	4,305.92
Rent	800.00
Postage and Stamp Tax	291.67
Stationery and Office Supplies	334.81
Regalia, Grand Master	193.50
Expense, Grand Master	500.00
L.M. Certificates	39.92
M.M. Certificates	40.78
Masonic Paper	183.12
Committee on Condition of Freemasonry	12.32
Masonic Research and Educational	17.14
Library—Maintenance	1,239.75
Jewel, P.G.M.	60.00
Supplies	1,441.79
Unemployment Insurance	28.62
Benevolent Fund (Life Members' Fees)	315.00
Exchange	33.65
Miscellaneous (Per Schedule "2")	2,947.77
 Total Disbursements	 14,785.76
Cash in Bank March 31st, 1945	\$7,571.85
Cash in Hand March 31st, 1945 (Petty)	8.48
	7,580.33
	 \$22,366.09

Schedule "1"

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1945

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	
		Dr.	Cr.
7.	Assiniboine Lodge	\$ 16.95	
8.	King Solomon	.75	
10.	Northern Light	10.65	
12.	Stonewall		.75
14.	Prince of Wales	143.10	
27.	Glenwood	7.90	
30.	Manitou	2.00	
40.	Deloraine	6.80	
50.	Killarney	7.80	
52.	Hartney		2.00
55.	East Star	17.30	
63.	Holland		1.95
64.	Composite	42.30	
71.	Crystal	16.15	
77.	Napinka	10.00	
82.	Cypress	132.14	
90.	Midlothian		1.25
92.	Shoal Lake	.75	
93.	King Edward	3.00	
94.	Hiram	19.35	
100.	Robbie Burns	2.00	
104.	Reston	.60	
106.	Strathclair	6.60	
108.	Union	.45	
109.	Swan Lake	4.00	
111.	Acacia	3.25	
120.	Penza	12.00	
124.	The Pas	3.45	
129.	Shellmouth		3.00
136.	Capitol	5.20	
137.	Lord Selkirk	2.75	
141.	Tuscan	1.85	
144.	Fort Osborne	1.65	
147.	Jubilee	2.00	
150.	Cartwright	.60	
151.	The Dormer	.45	
154.	Pine Falls	1.00	
155.	Carman	12.00	
		\$496.79	\$8.95
		8.95	
			\$487.84

Schedule "2"

DETAILS OF MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1945

Particulars	Amount
Proceedings	\$ 687.96
Grand Lodge Communication	555.40
Audit	150.00
Bond for Secretary	3.75
Telephone and Telegraph	120.97
Travelling	851.27
Flowers	75.50
Christmas Cards	37.26
Henderson Directory	21.60
Christmas Expense	25.00
Masonic Relief Association	56.40
Warning Circulars	22.68
List of Lodges	14.04
Safety Deposit Box	15.00
Typewriter Inspection	10.00
Substitute Stenographer	40.00
Fifty Year Medals	62.50
Repairs Office Rugs	59.50
Memorial Certificates	33.48
Miscellaneous	105.46
	<u>\$2,947.77</u>

BALANCE SHEET BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND BENEFICIARY FUND
As at March 31st, 1945

Exhibit "D"

PROCEEDINGS OF THE			(Winnipeg
ASSETS			
Current:			
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	\$ 9,304.23		
Cash on Hand	40.00		
Interest Accrued	1,434.75		
	<hr/>	\$ 10,778.98	
Investments:			
Mortgage Loans	\$ 4,124.32		
Province of Manitoba Debentures	Par Value		
Greater Winnipeg Water District Debentures	\$ 49,000.00		
Province of Saskatchewan Debentures	16,000.00		
Dominion of Canada Bonds	11,000.00		
Canadian National Railway Bonds	171,800.00		
City of Winnipeg Debentures	8,000.00		
	<hr/>	2,177.83	
War Savings Certificates	257,977.83		
	<hr/>	480.00	
Beneficiary Fund:			
Dominion of Canada Bonds	\$31,600.00		
	<hr/>	\$294,182.15	
Property:			
Acquired Through Foreclosure:			
191 Ethelbert	4,712.39		
299 Waverley	9,270.57		
275 Harvard	9,555.18		
	<hr/>	23,538.14	
Taxes Prepaid	684.89		
	<hr/>	\$329,184.16	

LIABILITIES

Surplus (Per Exhibit "E")

\$329,184.16

\$329,184.16

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1945, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1945.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ADAM ARMSTRONG & CO,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., April 11th, 1945.

Exhibit "E"

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND
BENEFICIARY FUND**

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1945

INCOME

Interest—Bonds and Debentures	\$12,529.09
Premium—Bonds and Debentures	600.00
	\$ 13,129.09
Interest—Bonds and Debentures (Converted)	856.21
Interest—Accrued Bonds and Debentures	472.50
Interest—Mortgages	294.96
Life Members Fees	315.00
Donations Lodges	2,031.99
Rent and Taxes Rebated (Jessie)	55.77
	\$17,155.52

EXPENDITURE

Beneficiary Fund (Per Schedule "4")	\$ 5,634.37
Tax Deducted U.S. Bond Interest	329.92
Exchange	20.60
	\$ 5,984.89

Net Income for Year	\$ 11,170.63
Surplus as at March 31st, 1944	\$294,634.78

Add:

Profit on Bonds	
Converted	\$15,100.00
Bonds Brought to	
Par Value	8,278.75
	\$ 23,378.75
	\$ 318,013.53
Surplus as at March 31st, 1945	\$329,184.16

Exhibit "F"

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND
BENEFICIARY FUND**

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1945

RECEIPTS

Total Receipts (Per Schedule "3")	\$20,557.35
Cash in Bank, April 1st, 1944	6,716.37
	<u>\$27,273.72</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Dominion of Canada Bonds Purchased	\$11,000.00
Dominion of Canada Bonds Re Conversion	6.04
Beneficiary Fund	5,634.37
Real Estate, Taxes, Insurance, Repairs and Collection Commissions, etc.:	
191 Ethelbert Street	\$ 54.53
926 Jessie Avenue	3.00
299 Waverley Street	166.34
275 Harvard Avenue	29.80
Taxes Prepaid	684.89
	<u>938.56</u>
Exchange	20.60
Tax Deducted U.S. Bond Interest	329.92
Total Disbursements	<u>\$17,929.49</u>
Cash in Bank, March 31st, 1945	\$9,304.23
Cash on Hand, March 31st, 1945	40.00
	<u>9,344.23</u>
	<u>\$27,273.72</u>

Schedule "3"

**DETAILS OF CASH RECEIPTS
BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND
BENEFICIARY FUND**

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1945

Mortgage Principal:

Loan No. 2.	\$100.00
Loan No. 5.	221.49
Loan No. 38.	100.00
Loan No. 40.	167.26
Loan No. 41.	430.29
	<u>\$ 1,019.04</u>

Mortgage Interest:

Loan No. 2.	\$ 88.50
Loan No. 5.	13.51
Loan No. 38.	70.50
Loan No. 40.	32.74
Loan No. 41	89.71
	<u>294.96</u>

Rents Received Property:

191 Ethelbert Street	\$460.00
299 Waverley Street	900.00
275 Harvard Avenue	720.00
926 Jessie Avenue	60.00
	<u>\$ 2,140.00</u>

Interest and Premiums Bonds and Debentures	\$ 13,129.09
Donations	1,631.99
Life Members Fees	315.00
Taxes Rebated (926 Jessie)	27.27
General Fund Loan Repaid	2,000.00
	<u>\$ 20,557.35</u>

Total Receipts

Schedule "4"

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1945

No.	Name of Lodge	On Account of	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert	H. C.	\$ 140.00
1.	Prince Rupert	Mrs. C. S.	105.00
2.	Lisgar	Mr. F. J.	125.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	W. P.	89.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. McC.	185.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. D. O'C.	60.00
4.	St. John's	Mrs. J. J. B.	125.00
8.	King Solomon	J. H. S.	65.00
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. E. B.	60.00
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. M. Q.	65.00
11.	Gladstone	Mrs. M. E.	185.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. McF.	245.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. G. W.	125.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. F. S.	185.00
24.	Neepawa	Mrs. R. A. T.	185.00
25.	Ionic	Mrs. E. E. D.	180.00
40.	Deloraine	Mr. G. R. A.	185.00
50.	Killarney	W. E. H.	445.00
55.	East Star	T. A.	305.00
62.	Russell	A. M.	305.00
63.	Holland	Mrs. M. M.	200.37
68.	Vermillion	Mrs. W. H. L.	125.00
68.	Vermillion	B. J. S.	125.00
84.	Hamiota	Mrs. I. R.	125.00
90.	Midlothian	Mrs. M. C.	125.00
93.	King Edward	Mrs. M. J.	240.00
100.	Robbie Burns	W. E. J. B.	125.00
104.	Reston	C. B. B.	95.00
107.	Lansdowne	J. McD.	65.00
112.	Ophir	Mrs. R. B. T.	305.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. V. H.	125.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. F. A. McD.	125.00
121.	St. James	Mrs. J. McG.	60.00
131.	Kildonan	T. H.	305.00
143	Mt, Sinai	Mrs. F. Z.	125.00
			<u>\$5,634.37</u>

Schedule "5"

**STATEMENT OF MORTGAGE LOANS
BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND**

As at March 31st, 1945

	Principal
Loan No. 2.	\$1,400.00
Loan No. 5.	109.60
Loan No. 38.	1,100.00
Loan No. 40.	385.05
Loan No. 41.	1,129.67
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	\$4,124.32

Presented by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes (3). Carried.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE
AND APPEALS**

May 18th, 1945.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brothers:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals begs to report as follows:

Certain proposed amendments to the Constitution of Grand Lodge were received for consideration by your Committee, and your Committee finds that the proposed amendments have been properly introduced in accordance with the Constitution of Grand Lodge and are in order for presentation to Grand Lodge and are within the powers of Grand Lodge under its Act of Incorporation and amending Acts and its Constitution.

There have been no rulings made by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge, or the Board, to be considered by your Committee, nor has it been called upon to review any rulings of the Most Worshipful Grand Master before the same were submitted to Grand Lodge.

Your Committee has not been called upon to review evidence in connection with recommendations for expulsion as no such

recommendations have been made, nor has it been called upon to consider and report upon any appeals from decisions of any Lodge or its Master or upon petitions for restoration after expulsion.

Your Committee wishes to record its thanks and appreciation to the Right Worshipful the Grand Secretary for his constant kindness and courtesy.

Fraternally submitted,
S. HART GREEN,
Chairman, Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.

Moved by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (11), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113), the report be received and adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on the condition of Freemasonry, begs to submit the following report.

The Committee, realizing that the influence of the District Deputy Grand Masters and of the Masters is most important in maintaining the efficiency of our Lodges, felt that a beginning should be made to give these Officers a clearer conception of the importance of their positions. Consequently, on Friday, November 17th, all the District Deputy Grand Masters were called to the city at the expense of Grand Lodge. During the afternoon these met Grand Lodge Officers and members of the Committee in conference. Each D.D.G.M. gave a report of his work up to that time. Following this a number of problems confronting them were taken up and fully discussed. After dinner all attended the meeting of the Board of General Purposes.

We believe the meeting achieved its purpose, and suggest that it be made a regular part of the Committee's programme. After the experience of one meeting, we feel that improvements can be made to render it still more useful.

On Friday, November 24th, a meeting of all Masters-elect in the Winnipeg and surrounding area was held. This was well attended, and here again the duties of the Master and the importance of his Office were emphasized, and a full discussion of various problems took place.

Since the success of any Lodge depends largely on the ability and enthusiasm of the Master, any help that can be given him in facing his responsibilities is well worth while. Meetings in Winnipeg can serve less than one-third of the Masters in the Jurisdiction. Would it be possible for the District Deputy Grand Masters to bring together the new Officers of his Lodges in small groups and discuss with them their work and their responsibilities? The opportunity to share experiences and to discuss common problems will be valued by any conscientious Master.

The Committee, in a further effort to give help and guidance to the D.D.G.M.'s, is arranging for those elected at this Grand Lodge Communication to remain over another day for a conference with the Grand Master and this Committee. Extra expense thus incurred will be met by Grand Lodge. Thus these Officers will have a better understanding of their duties at the beginning of their term of office.

In reviewing the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters the Committee finds that throughout the Jurisdiction there has generally been a quickening of interest in Freemasonry. Many Lodges have been active in Degree Work, and have been receiving younger men as Initiates who are bringing a new enthusiasm to their Lodges. The upward trend in membership which began in 1943 has accelerated this year. Seventy-nine Lodges show an increase in membership, 17 show a decrease, and 8 remained stationary. This compares with 63 Lodges showing an increase in 1943, 27 showing a decrease, and 14 stationary in membership. The total membership at the end of 1943 was 10,133. At the end of 1944 it stood at 10,578, an increase of 445. All this indicates an encouraging vigor in the Lodges of the Jurisdiction.

This renewed interest has been helped by the influence of the Grand Masters. Their messages to the District Meetings and Lodges have shown a deep understanding of Freemasonry, and their genuine friendliness among the brethren has helped to bring a better understanding of the work of Grand Lodge Officers.

The publication of the paper "Masonry in Manitoba" by the Committee on Masonic Research and Education has been an important contribution to a better knowledge of Freemasonry in our Province. It is only on the firm foundation of knowledge that a strong and useful organization can be built. The Craft throughout the Jurisdiction has benefitted by this commendable effort.

There are, however, a few exceptions to the general strengthening of interest in the Fraternity. It is with regret

that the Committee reports that Shellmouth Lodge No. 129, after being practically dormant for some time, decided to surrender its Charter. There are now only four resident members, some of these advanced in years, and it has not been possible to hold regular meetings. Rt. Wor. Bro. Berwick of the Fifth District visited Shellmouth Lodge at the request of the Committee, and after talking the matter over with all available members, reported that there is no possibility of reviving the Lodge. The Committee, after obtaining all the information possible, has recommended that the proper steps be taken to grant the request of Shellmouth Lodge to surrender its Charter.

One other Lodge should be mentioned, East Star Lodge No. 55. Although this Lodge has recently observed its 50th anniversary, and has bought a building for a Lodge Room, conditions are far from satisfactory. Rt. Wor. Bro. Welsh, the D.D.G.M. of the Eighth District has given considerable time to this Lodge. In spite of his efforts, little improvement has been shown. His report on this Lodge states. "The spirit of Freemasonry is not there, at least in the resident members, none of them seem to want to do any work." He also states, "On my official visit I told them that if there was no sign of improvement in the next few months I was going to recommend to Grand Lodge to take away their Charter." The Committee recommends that the incoming District Deputy Grand Master for this District be asked to make a special report on this Lodge before the end of 1945, and if no sign of progress is evident, that recommendation be made to Grand Lodge to take away their Charter.

A few other Lodges show definite signs of weakness. Of one Lodge the D.D.G.M. reports, "Financially they are getting along fine, but when it comes to brotherly love I think that there is a certain amount lacking." Of another he says, "I was somewhat disappointed in this Lodge. There is something wrong, just what I cannot say, unless it needs more new blood." In a few other Lodges small attendance and lack of interest on the part of the officers were noticed. At one visit of the D.D.G.M. a Lodge had eight of its officers absent.

The Committee feels that help might be given to some of these weaker Lodges by visits from Grand Lodge Officers, who would try to arouse interest by conferring with the officers and seeking the cause of the difficulty, and perhaps by holding a Lodge of Instruction. To enable this to be done, the Committee has asked that sufficient money be placed at its disposal to send Grand Lodge Officers to make such visits.

The reports on Form 21 reveal one serious weakness that is all too prevalent, that is the inability of so many Masters to con-

fer the Degrees. In these Lodges the Past Masters do most of the Degree work, and the Master seems to be willing to leave the responsibility to them. This situation has been dealt with in previous reports of this Committee, and further comment would appear to be useless. Taking recognition of this situation the Committee urges the District Deputy Grand Masters to impress upon the Masters their responsibility in this regard, and to advise the Wardens and Junior Officers that it is their duty to begin preparation of the Degrees well in advance. If, during the next year, no definite improvement is seen in this matter, the Committee is prepared to propose an amendment to the Constitution requiring that every Master-elect, before he is installed, give satisfactory evidence that he can confer the three Degrees. Any brother who is considered worthy to occupy the Master's chair, and who has the welfare of the Lodge at heart, should be willing to give the necessary time to the preparation of the Degrees while Warden. The incoming D.D.G.M.'s will be asked to take special note of this condition during their visits, and report to this Committee.

In the days that lie before us, Freemasonry, like other institutions, will need to prove its worth. The influence of a Masonic Lodge in a community, though indirect, is none the less definite. Wherever a Lodge is inefficient, or is weakened by lack of harmony, the whole craft falls in the estimation of the community, and its influence for good destroyed. It is surely worth some effort and sacrifice on the part of officers and members to make the Lodge a centre of true fellowship and earnest endeavour to carry out Masonic principles, and to see that only those who measure up to the standards of Freemasonry are admitted. Masonry is too fine an influence to be marred by the thoughtlessness or neglect of anyone who does not value its teachings and make an effort to live them.

The Committee wishes to pay tribute to the Masters of Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction. With few exceptions they have been keenly aware of their responsibilities, and have endeavoured earnestly to impress upon their brethren the value of Freemasonry.

The District meetings generally showed thoughtful preparation on the part of the D.D.G.M.'s. The attendance in some cases was less than expected, as the meetings came during harvest. The time of the District meeting is always a vexed question. It seems to the Committee that the wiser policy would be to hold these meetings before the middle of August, since the time of harvest in Manitoba is always uncertain. This matter will be discussed with the District Deputy Grand Masters at their meeting during this Grand Lodge Communication.

Again, however, it should be emphasized that the District meeting is not arranged merely to hear the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers. The success of the meeting will depend on the willingness of the individual members of the District to contribute some useful discussion, and to make the meeting serve their own particular needs.

We would extend our thanks to the District Deputy Grand Masters. Each one has carried out his duties zealously, and has served his District well. They have made a fine contribution to Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction. Every Lodge has had an official visit from its D.D.G.M., and all reports on Form 21 have been sent in; some, it is true, a little late, but all completed. We would like to suggest that some of these reports would be still more useful if the general comment on the condition of the Lodge were more detailed. The mere statement that the D.D.G.M. enjoyed his visit is not sufficient information on which to base a competent opinion of the condition of the Lodge.

We recommend that the following be given the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Masters in recognition of their efficient service during the past year:

R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes.....	First Masonic District
R.W. Bro. T. E. Squires.....	Second Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Harry Zachary	Third Masonic District
R.W. Bro. F. B. Lynes.....	Fourth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. D. Berwick	Fifth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Thos. A. Taylor.....	Sixth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh.....	Seventh Masonic District
R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh	Eighth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Fred Starr	Ninth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. D. C. Robertson.....	Tenth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. David MacKay.....	Twelfth Masonic District

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

H. B. DONNELLY,
Chairman.

R. E. EMMETT,
Secretary.

Presented by R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. F. B. Lynes (71). Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE, ON
REVIEWS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF OTHER
GRAND LODGES

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Correspondence presents herewith its
annual reviews of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

It is noted that, with few exceptions, Grand Masters are
exercising restraint in the matter of granting dispensations to
enable applicants to evade the usual time limits in their pro-
gress through the degrees.

In many jurisdictions it is anticipated that the present
trend towards an increase in membership in most countries
will continue, and emphasis has been placed by numerous Grand
Masters on the necessity of the most thorough work by the
Investigating Committees of Lodges, so that quality and not
quantity may be the watchword in the admission of new mem-
bers. Evidently the lessons taught us in the last war are
remembered.

Physical qualification is also one of the paramount issues
that is troubling many Grand Lodges, and several favour a
letting down of the present requirements.

The reading of these proceedings has been both instructive
and interesting, and I have endeavoured to bring to your atten-
tion those matters believed to be of interest to the brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

H. M. KERR,
Chairman.

Moved by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), the Report
be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. D.
Berwick (102). Carried.

COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

Report for the Year Ended March 31st, 1945

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A.F. & A.M.:

Brethren:

Your Committee on Investments reports a substantial increase of \$31,828.28 during the year in the invested capital of the Endowment and Beneficiary Funds. The following comparative statement gives particulars of the increase:

ENDOWMENT FUND

	Year ended March 31, 1945	Year ended March 31, 1944	Increase or Decrease
Bonds	\$257,977.83	\$237,699.08	+ \$20,278.75
Mortgages	4,124.32	5,143.46	- 1,019.14
Property	23,536.14	25,367.47	- 1,831.33
War Saving Certificates	480.00	480.00	
	\$286,118.29	\$268,690.01	+ \$17,428.28

BENEFICIARY FUND

	Year ended March 31, 1945	Year ended March 31, 1944	Increase or Decrease
Dominion of Canada Bonds	\$31,600.00	\$17,200.00	+ \$14,400.00
Increases—			
Endowment Fund			\$17,428.28
Beneficiary Fund			14,400.00
Total Increase			\$31,828.28

\$23,378.75 of this increase was derived as follows:

Profit on Bonds Converted	\$15,100.00
Bonds brought to par value	8,278.75
	\$23,378.75

The balance of \$8,449.53, from unexpended revenue of the Beneficiary Fund, donations from Lodges, and Life Membership fees.

BOND CONVERSION

The following bonds, having a par value of \$96,500.00, were sold at the prices indicated below, realizing the sum of \$111,600.00, and making a profit of \$15,100.00. The proceeds of this sale were immediately invested in \$111,500.00 Dominion of Canada Seventh Victory Loan Bonds.

\$42,500	Prov. of Man. 4% at 115 1/4	\$48,981.25
10,000	Prov. of B.C. 5% at 126 3/4.....	12,675.00
10,000	Prov. of Sask. 5 1/2% at 109 1/4.....	10,925.00
10,000	Prov. of Alta. 4 1/2% at 96 1/4.....	9,625.00
9,000	Prov. of Man. 5% at 122	10,980.00
2,000	Prov. of B.C. 4 1/2% at 122	2,440.00
3,000	Prov. of B.C. 4 1/2% at 131 5/8.....	3,948.75
10,000	Point Grey 5% at 120 1/2.....	12,025.00
<hr/> \$96,500		<hr/> \$111,600.00
Profit.....		\$ 15,100.00

The total bond and debenture investments of the Endowment and Beneficiary Funds now amount to \$290,057.83, of which \$211,880.00 or 73% are in Dominion of Canada Securities.

MORTGAGE LOANS

During the year payments to the amount of \$1,019.04 were received on account of principal, thus reducing our mortgage investments to \$4,124.32.

PROPERTY

We are still in possession of the following properties:	
191 Ethelbert St., \$4,712.39. Rented at \$45.00.	
299 Waverley St., \$9,270.57. Rented at \$75.00.	
275 Harvard Ave., \$9,555.18. Rented at \$60.00.	
Rents received during the year amounted to.....	\$2,140.00
Taxes, insurance, repairs, etc.....	253.67

Net revenue	\$1,886.33
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Your Committee proposes to convert 191 Ethelbert, which is in a very dilapidated condition, into a duplex dwelling, as soon as building materials are available. In its present condition it is unsaleable.

In addition to the purchase of Victory Bonds, with the proceeds of the Bond Conversion, the sum of \$11,000.00 was reported by the Grand Secretary as available for investment. This sum was invested in Sixth and Seventh Victory Loan Bonds.

Fraternally submitted,

ROYAL BURRITT,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (130), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140). Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION RE MASONIC DISTRICTS

That the Masonic Districts, as at present constituted, remain so for the ensuing year.

Moved by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, seconded by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, and carried.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 5:00 p.m. by Most Worshipful Bro. Samuel Burland, Grand Master, to reconvene at 8:00 p.m. for the evening session.

REMOVED GRAND LODGE

Evening Session

Wednesday, June 6th, 1945.

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters, entered the Lodge Room in procession, the brethren singing the processional hymn "Lead us, Heavenly Father, Lead us."

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Samuel Burland, at 8.20 p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Harry B. Wallace.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests were presented at the altar:

Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

M.W. Bro. Ralph Stanford, P.G.M.

M.W. Bro. Chauncey C. Colton, P.G.M.

M.W. Bro. Louis H. Colson, P.G.M.

M.W. Bro. Wm. F. Holman, G.M.

R.W. Bro. W. B. Congdon.

Presented by M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of North Dakota:

M.W. Bro. H. W. Swenson, G.M.

M.W. Bro. Charles M. Pollock, P.G.M.

M.W. Bro. Harry W. Gill, P.G.M.

R.W. Bro. John A. Storman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Alberta:

M.W. Bro. Wm. F. Ireland, G.M.

Presented by M.W. Bro. George Hunter, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan:

M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter, G.M.

R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Illinois:

M.W. Bro. Karl J. Mohr, P.G.M.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, P.G.M.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master received our distinguished guests, gave them a very hearty welcome, and requested the Most Worshipful Brethren who introduced them to conduct them to seats in the Grand East.

FLAG CEREMONY

Under the direction of W. Bro. Sid A. Foreman (4).

Bro. Capt. David McKay of the Cameron Highlanders, bearing the Union Jack;

Bro. Capt. Florine, member of the local U. S. Forces, bearing the Stars and stripes.

These brethren entered, were received, and presented the Flags at the Altar.

The brethren sang one verse each of

"God Save the King"

and

"The Star-Spangled Banner."

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, and the Flags were placed in the Grand East.

GAVEL FROM GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

At this session of our Grand Lodge, a gavel, which has been sent around and used by most of the Jurisdictions of the United States and Canada, was made use of by our Most Worshipful Grand Master. It was sent to our Grand Lodge by the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, who asked us if we would be kind enough to use it at one of our Sessions, and the following is its history:

"It is made of poplar wood taken from the Guilford Courthouse Battle Ground near the City of Greensboro, North Carolina. The battle of Guilford Courthouse was one of the decisive battles of the Revolutionary War, and General Nathaniel Greene was in command. This battle was fought in March, 1781. The battle ground is now a National Military Park and is the most beloved place in this section of the state. The wood in the gavel grew on this field.

"This gavel was used by our Grand Master in April, 1939, in opening our Grand Lodge, and it has been used by 48 other Grand Masters since then."

It is the hope of the brethren of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina that this gavel will be used by the Grand Master of every Grand Jurisdiction in Canada at some Masonic meeting, after which, it will be placed in their Masonic Museum.

The Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges were presented:

Alberta	.....	R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr
Canada (in Ontario)	.....	M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
Colorado	.....	R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy
Connecticut	.....	R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
Denmark	.....	M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni
England	.....	M.W. Bro. W. J. Major
Florida	.....	R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green
France, N.G.L.	.....	R.W. Bro. C. H. Midwinter
Georgia	.....	R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell

Honduras	R.W. Bro. A. G. Cowan
Idaho	W. Bro. D. A. Best
Illinois	R.W. Bro. W. R. Leslie
Ireland	M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd
Kansas	M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller
Louisiana	R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole
Maine	R.W. Bro. W. D. Harper
Massachusetts	R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes
Mexico, Y.G.L.	R.W. Bro. M. A. Nitikman
Minnesota	M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker
Mississippi	R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey
Montana	R.W. Bro. M. S. Watson
Nebraska	R.W. Bro. H. Mackenzie
New Brunswick	M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert
New Hampshire	M.W. Bro. Geo. Hunter
New Jersey	R.W. Bro. W. G. Corbett
New Mexico	R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
New South Wales	M.W. Bro. Jas. Mackie
New York	R.W. Bro. Geo. A. Woodside
New Zealand	M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland
North Carolina	R.W. Bro. Robert Peel
Nova Scotia	M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods
Oklahoma	V.W. Bro. Harry M. Smith
Oregon	M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson
Puerto Rico	R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson
Quebec	R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters
Rio de Janeiro	R.W. Bro. Wm. Cairns
Saskatchewan	R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess
Scotland	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
South Carolina	R.W. Bro. Chas. R. Sayer
South Dakota	W. Bro. Jas. Wardrobe
Tennessee	M.W. Bro. Jas. S. MacEwing
Vermont	R.W. Bro. F. K. Purdie
Virginia	M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
Washington	R.W. Bro. Geo. R. Mackay
West Virginia	R.W. Bro. David Griffith
Western Australia	W. Bro. A. J. Wright
Wisconsin	W. Bro. Norman M. Hall

Each brought greetings from the Grand Lodge he represented, after which they were accorded Grand Honors, and the M.W. Grand Master addressed them in a few well chosen words, thanking them for their kind fraternal greetings and expressing the hope that they would write to their respective Grand Lodges conveying our pleasure in their presence here, and reciprocating their friendly greetings and good wishes.

M.W. Bro. W. J. Major (25), responded on behalf of the Grand Representatives, to the Grand Master's welcome.

SINGING

V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon, Grand Organist and Conductor. Solo by W. Bro. H. D. L. James (Master of Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137), the brethren insisting on an encore.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
A.F. and A.M.:

My Brethren :

It is with sincere pleasure that I extend to you a cordial welcome to this the Seventieth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. and A.M. It has pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to permit us to assemble once again and it is my great privilege to greet each and every one of you. Your attendance at this Communication is an evidence of your deep interest in this great Fraternity of ours and what it stands for in our civilization today. Seventy years ago in the City of Winnipeg met three lodges —known today as Prince Rupert's, Lisgar, and Ancient Landmark. Their membership was about 200 all told. They took the bold step of forming the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, whose territory extended to what is now known as Saskatchewan and Alberta. To these pioneers we are indebted for their vision and faith. So well did they lay foundations that there are now three Grand Lodges, in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, with a membership well over 30,000.

This Communication is also one for which all our members should give thanks to the Most High for the defeat of our enemies in Europe. In Italy and Germany grew up a theory of government based on the principle that personal liberties should be greatly curtailed, that the individual was created for the benefit of the state. The lives of the

people were so planned and regimented that initiative and the right to think for oneself were destroyed. To maintain their grip on their down-trodden people the leaders of these countries gathered together great armed forces and without warning sent them upon the defenseless and unprepared neighbour nations. These nations, being caught off guard, fell an easy prey to the lightning attack. As each nation was conquered Freemasonry was forbidden, and many Freemasons were sent to concentration camps, Lodges broken up and their property confiscated and destroyed. But the dictators overlooked one very important nation and that was Great Britain, the land where Freemasonry originated. Due to the courage, loyalty to ideal, and a boundless love of liberty and a willingness to fight to the end for their cause of right, liberty and justice, the enemy was halted. The might of Great Britain assisted by the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations and by our great neighbour to the south, the United States of America, finally crushed our enemies in Europe. Our Order has been forced into temporary retirement and has suffered partial eclipse in Germany and Italy and countries overrun by them, but

"Truth crushed to earth, shall rise again,
Th' eternal years of God are hers;
But error wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies among her worshippers."

That is ever the fate of the enemies of light. In its ceaseless battle with wrong throughout the ages, the victory of right, represented among others by the force of Masonry, is foreordained and inevitable.

In order that the Freemasons of Manitoba should return thanks to the Most High for victory over our enemies in Europe, I appointed a Committee to arrange for a service of Thanksgiving and Dedication. This service was held in the Auditorium, Winnipeg, on Sunday, June 3rd. It was broadcast over CKY in order that those who could not be with us in person could be with us in spirit. Very favourable comments have been heard of our Thanksgiving Service, and I wish to thank all who worked so hard to make the Service so successful.

NECROLOGY

My thoughts on "Those Who Have Gone Before" could not be better expressed than in the words of Brother Joseph Fort Newton:

"Into the stillness of this hour, borne upon the wings of music and memory of those good men and true who walked 'the broad, majestic days' with us and vanished. To them, each and all, the young, and the old, to those distinguished and those aspiring in obscurity, the fraternal sentiment of this Order makes recognition and speaks its tribute.

"Words of faith and hope have been spoken by those whose ministry it is to comfort the sorrowing and to interpret the ways of God to man. They have gone to meet their destiny. But we pause here to remember them, as they would pause to remember us were they standing here and we sleeping out there 'under the wide and starry sky.' We seek to honour them, but it is they who honour us.

"To have such men among us was a joy, and to remember them is a privilege. In their combined histories they were a power in the world; they filled many places; many were the lines of their activity; countless influences went out from their individual being. They added intellect and character to the communities in which they lived, and their going left the world poorer. We would fain believe of men who lived so nobly, and so like a blessing to their fellows, that they are among the happy dead.

"All sane minds, all high hearts, love life. We are not foolishly attached to this old earth; we are divinely bound. Many are the sweet entanglements, many are the ties that hold us here, ties of love, of friendship, of memory, of hope. Men do not willingly die; they are taken. A hand is put forth from the Unseen and leads them away from the lovely scenes of the earthly life, with its colour, its music, and its charm out into the vast Eternity. They follow a strange path of the soul, worn by the footsteps of a pilgrim multitude.

"Death stops us. It stops our race. Men are engaged in their labour or about their play; they are in the city or in the field; they are at home or far away and they are suddenly stopped. The shadow of God passes over them and they are gone. It was so with these men who were wont to gather here in other days. They had their plans and dreams; the tasks of their life beckoned them; its warm love held them; the birds were singing in their hearts. Whether in great or humble place, they had their prospects and pursuits, their ambitions and their hopes. All these are now come to an end. 'Their deeds are gathered in — a reckoning has been made.

"What may be their resting place in the land whither they have gone we know not, neither can we imagine. Though they seem to have melted into thin air, that is only seeming. They have not ceased to be, else life were a chaos of values, and love and reason are set at naught. All those who were once here are still here; their words are they; their acts are they; and those be forgotten, the spirit of their lives abides as a part of the great body of influence and law making for goodness and purity upon earth. Because they lived so nobly it is easier for all men to see the truth and do the right. If for no other reason, it is worth while to live well, that those who follow us may live better.

"The day is closing. To those who have fallen asleep we cry 'Hail and farewell' and for each invoke the mercy of God! Peace be with them; they were our friends and we loved them! Gracious God, rest them — these men who walked with us here, to whom there was no place like home, and no music like the sweet voices of the fireside. Eternal life give unto them, O Lord, and if it be Thy will, lead them through the gates into the city splendid—

'With light beyond the sun,
A land where dreams are ended,
And days and works are done.' "

It is with deep sorrow that I report the death of:

M.W. Brother Edward M. Walker.
M.W. Brother George N. Jackson.
M.W. Brother Frank S. McKee, Grand Secretary, British Columbia.
M.W. Brother John Moses, Past Grand Master, North Dakota.
Brother F. D. Roosevelt, the friend of Canada and the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead in its report will mention all members who have gone to salute the G.A.O.T.U. in the Celestial Lodge above.

“For them no more the blazing hearth shall burn,
Nor busy housewife ply her evening care,
Nor children run to list their sire’s return,
Nor climb his knees his envied kiss to share.”

In token of our sorrow and sympathy I ask you to stand a moment in silence.

There has been no greater pleasure during my term of office than the presentation of Fifty-year Jewels to the veterans of the Craft. In my opinion this is the greatest honour that any member of the Craft can receive. The presentations were made as follows:

R.W. Bro. Christian Wiechman, Treherne Lodge No. 51. In Treherne Lodge on December 27th, 1944, by R.W. Bro. Wiechman’s son, Wor. Bro. J. G. Wiechman.

V.W. Bro. David Lawrence, Manitou Lodge, No. 30. V.W. Bro. Lawrence is the uncle of our M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence. His medal was presented in Rosetown Lodge No. 91, G.R.S., on February 20th, 1945, by R.W. Bro. McDougald.

Bro. David Gilmour, Norwood Lodge No. 119. This was presented by me at Norwood Lodge, February 8th, 1945.

Bro. Wm. M. Burrows, of Ionic Lodge No. 25. Presented by me at the "Old Timers' Night," May 7th, 1945, in Ionic Lodge.

R.W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114. Presented in "The Assiniboine" Lodge on my behalf by R.W. Bro. Pilkey to R.W. Bro. John Parton for R. W. Bro. Lang, on March 6th, 1945.

Wor. Bro. Charles H. S. Bamford, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, presented on my behalf in "The Assiniboine" Lodge on March 6th, by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey.

Bro. John McKillop, King Solomon Lodge No. 8, presented on my behalf in The King Solomon Lodge No. 8, on May 8th, by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas.

R.W. Bro. Charles Redpath, Glenwood Lodge No. 27. Presented on my behalf by R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan at a Regional Meeting at Souris, on May 25th, 1945.

Wor. Bro. Frederick W. Clayton, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7. Presented on my behalf at his home in Victoria, B.C., by R.W. Bro. Alan W. Ford, D.D.G.M. of Victoria District No. 1, and V.W. Bro. Jas. Cavers, member of our own Grand Lodge, on May 19th, 1945.

Bro. J. T. McTavish, King Solomon Lodge No. 8. Bro. McTavish passed away before receiving the medal, but it was presented on my behalf by members of King Solomon Lodge No. 8, to his widow on May 22nd, 1945.

M.W. Bro. E. M. Walker, Northern Lodge No. 10. Bro. Walker passed away before receiving the medal, but it was presented by me to his widow at her home.

Bro. Edwin Loftus. Presented on my behalf by M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, June 7th, 1945.

R.W. Bro. W. A. Piper, Sprague Lodge No. 132. Presented on my behalf by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods at the Grand Lodge Communication, June 7th, 1945.

To these Brethren who are still with us we wish them a long life of usefulness in their public and private vocations and may they be long spared to carry the banner of Free-masonry in the future as they have done for so many years in the past.

The Conference of the Grand Masters and the Grand Lodge Officers of the four Western Grand Jurisdictions was held at Banff, Alberta, on Friday and Saturday, September 9th and 10th, 1944. All the Grand Lodges were represented. Our delegates being your Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Donovan, S.G.W.; the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Russell, and M.W. Bro. John T Boyd. The following subjects were dealt with:

Reports of Grand Secretary of each Jurisdiction.

- (a) Re progress of movement of members to respective jurisdictions.
- (b) Reports from I.P.G.M's
Re arranging to have representation at the Annual Communication of each of the other three Jurisdictions.
- (c) Report from M. W. Bradley, I.P.G.M. of Alberta, Chairman of the Committee on Post War Youth Rehabilitation.

Other Avenues of Masonic Activities in Rehabilitation,
M.W. Bro. Carter, Grand Master of Saskatchewan.

Grand Lodge Benevolent Funds in Post War Days, M.W. Bro. Ireland, Grand Master of Alberta.

Masonry's participation in the Spiritual and Psychologic Reconstruction of those serving or who have served in the Armed Forces. R.W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey, D.G.M. of Manitoba.

How best can we create and increase the interest and zeal of individual Masons in the Lodge, and also in the wider field of Masonic endeavour. R.W. Bro. Fred. C. Hayes, D.G.M. of Saskatchewan.

FORUM

Suggested Topics.

1. Would it be beneficial and helpful to extend time of Conference to two full days?
2. Should wider publicity be given to our Conference discussions?
3. What is the Status of Affiliated Brethren from other Jurisdictions:
 - (a) A Past acquired rank in other Jurisdictions?
 - (b) Wearing of Regalia of other Jurisdictions?
 - (c) Use of Ritual of other Jurisdictions if requested to work?
 - (d) What attitude should be adopted in the recognition of European Grand Lodges in Post-War days?
 - (e) Any other subject introduced?

It will be seen from the above list that every subject is a live one and of interest to us in Manitoba. This Conference is of great value in bringing the Grand Lodge Officers of each Jurisdiction together in fruitful discussions which may help to solve some of the problems in each Province. In addition the members get to know each other as friends and Masons. As the years pass on there is no doubt that these Conferences will be of greater value to the members and so to the Jurisdictions which they represent.

Some time ago I was approached, as Grand Master, by a Committee of Masons from one of the Masonic Bodies to lay before the Grand Lodge the suggestion of building a

new Temple in Winnipeg as a Peace Memorial to those Brethren who had fallen in the War. This Temple would be owned by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The present Temple is held by the Temple Board, consisting of representatives of the Lodges meeting in the Temple. I referred the request to the Board of General Purposes and was asked to appoint a Committee. I did so and asked the following bodies to appoint Committees to meet and discuss the proposal: the Scottish Rite, the Royal Arch Chapter, and the Temple Board.

A meeting of these representatives was held on May 23rd, 1945. After a full discussion the following motion was made and unanimously carried:

1. That a new Temple should be erected as a memorial to those members of the Craft who have made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of freedom.
2. That a Committee should be formed by the Temple Association to obtain information as to the cost of a suitable Memorial Temple, and as the means of obtaining the necessary funds.
3. That the full cost of the project, including land, building, and furnishings, be collected and in hand before any commitment is made or building operations commenced.

I would like to give you a little information on the present Temple when it was built fifty years ago. At that time, 1895, there were five Lodges in Winnipeg, viz.: Prince Rupert's, Ancient Landmark, St. John's, Northern Light, and Ionic. The total membership of these five Lodges was 566. The total membership of the Grand Jurisdiction was 2,334, and its territory took in what is now Saskatchewan and Alberta.

At the dedication of the present Temple this is what the then Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rev. J. D. O'Meara, said:

"I wish to congratulate the Masonic Temple Association. I congratulate them on the courage which conceived the idea of erecting this building. It is no light thing in these hard times that a comparatively small and by no means wealthy body of men should erect such a building as this is to be, a building to be erected and maintained solely by the Masonic body themselves. I further congratulate the Association on the skill and energy displayed in bringing this work to its present condition. When we bethink us of the difficulties that had to be met before reaching the point of progress at which we stand, I am sure I am voicing the sentiments of this great gathering when I sincerely congratulate the members on the splendid success which has crowned their efforts.

Brethren, I leave the matter in your hands for your very careful and sympathetic consideration.

VISITATIONS

Immediately after my election as Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Russell, Grand Secretary, and I set out for Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to take part in the celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. This visit will long remain in our remembrance. Every courtesy was shown us; in fact, the Iowa Brethren seemed to put themselves about to extend true American hospitality to us. Here I met some of the outstanding leaders of Masonry in the U.S.A. I had other invitations to attend other Grand Lodge Communications in other states, but I chose to visit Iowa to see their magnificent Library. It is one of the finest, if not the finest, libraries in the U.S.A. Here it was also my good fortune to meet Bro. Hayward, the author of many works on Freemasonry and one of the most learned Freemasons of today. I spent several afternoons with him in talks of things Masonic. I had the honour, during the Flag Ceremony in Grand Lodge, of receiving the American Flag, while M.W. Bro. E. R. Moore received the Union Jack. M.W. Bro. T. C. Wardley, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, gave

the address on "The Flag." This, in the opinion of the members of Iowa, was the outstanding address during the Communication. Bro. Russell and I returned to Winnipeg after a week of profit and pleasure.

My next visit, the following week, was to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, held at Fargo. M.W. Bro. W. Douglas, M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker, Bro. H. Parker and the Grand Chaplain accompanied me. Here again we were received with the utmost kindness. A close bond of friendship has existed for many years between the Masons of North Dakota and those of Manitoba, and we hope that such friendship may continue for many years to come.

I was unable to attend the Grand Lodge Communications of Saskatchewan and Alberta. However, I was ably represented by R.W. Bro. Pilkey, D.G.M., at Saskatchewan, and by R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, S.G.W., at Alberta. Each spoke in eloquent terms of the warm welcome each received in each respective Grand Lodge.

It was with deep regret that I could not be present at the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, but again R.W. Bro. Pilkey and M.W. Bro. Douglas were in attendance and represented Manitoba.

On July 23rd, 1944, the international gathering at Masonic Island was held. I was unable to be present, but R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan represented me, accompanied by brethren from Brandon and Deloraine.

I received an invitation to visit the Fiftieth Anniversary of the N.W. Mounted Police Lodge at Regina. I was unable to accept the invitation, owing to another engagement, but R.W. Bro. A. K. Cates, of Reston, took my place and ably represented me.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

It was a matter of great satisfaction to me to be present at all the District Meetings in the Eleven Districts of this Grand Jurisdiction. Particulars of these Meetings will be

found in the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s. One could not help being impressed by the spirit and enthusiasm of these gatherings. I felt that here friends and brethren were coming together to further the progress of Freemasonry in Manitoba. All the meetings were well attended and well organized, and I wish to congratulate all the D.D.G.M.'s on the excellent work they did for Freemasonry in our Jurisdiction during their term of office.

LODGE MEETINGS

I have endeavoured to visit as many Lodges as possible during my year of office and to bring with me as many of the Grand Lodge Officers as could possibly attend, so that the Officers and members of the Constituent Lodges might be brought into closer contact with those whom they had elected to conduct the affairs of Grand Lodge. I owe a deep debt of gratitude to all my Officers for so faithfully supporting me. Also to many of the Past Grand Masters and Members of the Board of General Purposes I extend my thanks for their support. Freemasonry need have no fear of progressing in Manitoba while such backing is given to your Grand Master. During my Lodge visits it was a great joy to see the number of petitions being received for admission to our Order. Great numbers of these came from young men and Freemasonry is demonstrating that it has great things to offer to both young and old.

I have appended a list of my visits during the year, and the number is 65. This does not include attendance at many Committee meetings too numerous to mention.

SOME OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE YEAR

1. The publication of our paper, "Masonry in Manitoba."

This was something I long looked forward to in our Jurisdiction. It is serving a long felt want. Our Brethren are now receiving information of what is going on and understand the problems of Grand Lodge much more clearly from this acquired information.

2. Regional Meetings.

Three Regional or Area Meetings were held this year—one at Morris, one at Neepawa, and one at Souris. The Local Lodge in each place undertook the organization of each Meeting in conjunction with the D.D.G.M.'s. All expenses of these meetings were borne out of Grand Lodge funds. There is no doubt that such meetings were a great success. The attendance at all the gatherings was very large. Because the meetings were of an informal nature the Brethren felt much freer to express themselves or to ask questions. These meetings are a means of bringing Grand Lodge to the rural districts and give an opportunity to members to meet the Grand Lodge Officers when such members never have the chance to attend Grand Lodge Communications or the District meetings. In such gatherings Freemasonry is seen at its best and the inspiration so derived will last for a long time. It is the intention to have more of such meetings during the coming year.

3. Past Masters' Association of Greater Winnipeg.

This Association is now beginning to assume once again its valuable work for Freemasonry. Its series of "Masonic Forums" open to all Master Masons have been of great educational value. For the first time, I believe, in Manitoba, I gave a Dispensation to this Association to conduct a "Lodge of Instruction" under the guidance of Most Worshipful Bros. Royal Burritt and Harry Woods. Great good was derived from such a meeting, and more of these should be held in future. The Past Masters' Association is doing a real service for Freemasonry.

4. Our Benevolent Fund.

At Christmas Time I wrote to all the Constituent Lodges calling their attention to this fund, and suggesting that they remember our Fund by sending donations if they felt so inclined. Many of the Lodges and Members responded generously, and I wish to thank

them for their kindness and hope that all Lodges will make a Christmas offering each year in future.

5. The contribution of this Grand Lodge of \$1,000.00 to the Masons of Malta to enable them to begin their work again on that island.

CONCLUSION

Brethren, one year ago you honored me with the highest gift in your power: the important office of Grand Master. I assure you no one felt the weight of that responsibility as Grand Master more than I when M.W. Bro. Harry Woods handed me the gavel of authority. Not only do I thank you for this honour, but also for the opportunity of meeting so many of the members of the Craft, not alone in Manitoba, but also in many other Grand Jurisdictions. Such contacts have a broadening effect on one's outlook on life. In a short time my task will be completed and I shall hand on to my successor this gavel, the symbol of the office. I have tried to uphold the traditions of this great office, and have always regarded myself as the servant of the Masons of Manitoba. Freemasonry is defined in our Ritual as "A beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." I like better that given by M.W. Bro. Richardson of New York: "Freemasonry is a life to be lived, not a formality to be perfunctorily observed. It is a life to be lived, not a set of empty deeds to which lip service is given. It is life grounded in religion, organized in morality, mellowed in good fellowship, humanized in charity and dedicated to service." Let us remember that the world judges us not by what we do in the Lodge room, but by our words and actions in the shop, the office, the street.

As I look over this great assemblage tonight I cannot help being impressed with the fact that in spite of the great war, which is still going on after five years of bloodshed, that we meet as Masons in love and peace and harmony. Ours is an order that stands for freedom, tolerance and love of our fellow-men. Our guiding principles are the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Surely

no Institution has a better chance of influencing the world than our Masonic Fraternity. We have always been builders; we possess the tools to build better men, and so a better world. Final peace will bring many difficult problems and dangers. Leaders will be needed, and surely Masonry should be able to provide such men who have the welfare of humanity at heart. May we pledge ourselves to support every effort that has for its ideal the uplift of humanity. May we help to make this land of ours fit for the boys who are now returning.

"A land where freedom slowly broadens down
From precedent to precedent."

I would like to quote the words of the First Grand Master at the first Communication of this Grand Jurisdiction in 1876. His words ring true today as on the day he uttered them:

"Brethren, guard well your portals, respect the ancient landmarks, resist all innovations. Should you deviate any from the established order of things, let it be in the direction of antiquity, and be solicitous rather for quality than for quantity. Number is but a vulgar test of strength—true strength consists in goodness. So let your light shine before men that the world may award you the respect to which Masonry, as the oldest of all institutions, is so justly entitled. Realize that you are still engaged in laying the foundations of the Order in the great North-West, and that much of the future glory of the superstructure depends on your wisdom and Masonic virtues."

The success or failure of a Grand Master's term depends to a great extent upon the support given him, and I cannot close this report without a word of appreciation to those with whom I have been so closely associated during the year, the Grand Lodge Officers, the members of the Grand Lodge Committees, my D.D.G.M.'s, the Constituent Lodges and members of the Craft have given me during my whole year a co-operation and support of such unanimity and cordial good-will as impel my lasting gratitude. The

memory of their affectionate regard, their fraternal goodwill, and sympathetic consideration will ever remain with me as a hallowed benediction.

I'd like to think when life is done
That I had filled a needed post.
That here and there I'd paid my fare
With more than idle talk and boast.

That I had taken gifts divine.
The breath of life and manhood fine
And tried to use them now and then
In service to my fellow men.

I'd hate to think when life is through
That I had lived my round of years,
A useless kind that leaves behind
No record in this vale of tears.

That I had wasted all my days.
In teaching only selfish ways,
And that the world would be the same.
If it had never known my name.

I'd like to think that here and there,
When I am gone there shall remain
A happier spot that might have not
Existed, had I lived for gain.

That some one's cheery voice and smile
Shall prove that I have been worth while,
That I have paid with something fine,
My debt to God for life divine.

VISITATIONS OF THE GRAND MASTER

1944.

June 10th-17th.—Iowa Grand Lodge Centenary Celebration.

June 19th-21st.—North Dakota Annual Communication.
July 26th.—East Star Lodge, Gretna. (Fiftieth Anniversary and Dedication of Lodge Room).

July 28th.—Meeting of Third Masonic District at Holland.

August 10th.—Meeting of Fourth Masonic District at Crystal City.

August 17th.—Meeting of Ninth Masonic District at Roblin.

August 29th.—Official Visit to Flin Flon Lodge.

August 30th.—Official Visit to The Pas Lodge.

September 7th-11th.—Grand Masters' Conference at Banff.

September 19th.—Official Visit to Lisgar Lodge, Selkirk.

September 22nd.—Meeting of the Tenth Masonic District at Pine Falls.

September 29th.—Meeting of the Eighth Masonic District at Sperling.

October 3rd.—Official Visit to "The Assiniboine" Lodge. (Canadian Night.)

October 9th.—Visit to Sturgeon Creek Lodge.

October 27th.—Official Visit to Ophir Lodge, Beausejour. (Burning of Mortgage).

October 31st.—Address to Forum of Past Masters' Association.

November 2nd.—Meeting of the Sixth Masonic District, Napinka.

November 3rd.—Meeting of the Second Masonic District, McCreary.

November 6th.—Meeting of Masters of First Masonic District.

November 13th.—Ionic Lodge. Remembrance Service.

November 14.—"The Assiniboine" Lodge Study Club.

November 17th.—Conference of the D.D.G.Ms. of the Eleven Districts.

November 27th.—Ionic Lodge Annual "At Home."

November 30th.—Meeting of the First Masonic District, Winnipeg.

December 1st.—Official Visit to Transcona Lodge.

December 5th.—Visit to The Dormer Lodge.

December 27th.—Annual Meeting of the Past Masters' Association.

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January 3rd.—Visit to St. John's Lodge.

January 8th.—Official Visit to Sturgeon Creek Lodge. (Twenty-first Anniversary).

January 9th.—“The Assiniboine” Study Club.
January 23rd.—Forum of Past Masters’ Association.
January 29th.—Meeting of the Twelfth Masonic District, Winnipeg.
February 8th.—Visit to Norwood Lodge. (Presentation of Fifty-year Medal to D. Gilmour).
February 12th.—Official Visit to Windsor Lodge.
February 14th.—Visit to Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons.
February 19th.—Official Visit to Ancient Landmark Lodge.
February 27th.—Meeting of Past Masters’ Association.
March 6th.—Official Visit to The Dormer Lodge.
March 12th.—Official Visit to Empire Lodge.
March 15th.—Official Visit to Northern Light Lodge.
March 16th.—Official Visit to Fidelity Lodge. (Twenty-first Anniversary).
March 21st.—Visit to King Edward Lodge.
March 26th.—Quarterly Meeting, Past Masters’ Association.
March 28th.—Official Visit to Acacia Lodge.
April 3rd.—Official Visit to Fort Osborne Lodge.
April 4th.—Official Visit to St. John’s Lodge.
April 11th.—Official Visit to St. James Lodge.
April 17th.—Official Visit to Prince Rupert’s Lodge.
April 19th.—Official Visit to Meridian Lodge.
April 22nd.—Church Service Twelfth Masonic District.
April 26th.—Official Visit to Mount Sinai Lodge.
April 27th.—Twelfth Masonic District Annual Dinner.
April 30th.—Past Masters’ Association, Lodge of Instruction.
May 4th.—Official Visit to Transcona Lodge.
May 7th.—Official Visit to Ionic Lodge.
May 8th.—Regional Meeting, King Solomon Lodge, Morris.
May 11th.—Official Visit to Tuscan Lodge.
May 22nd.—Visit to Lisgar Lodge, Selkirk.
May 23rd.—Official Visit to Stonewall Lodge.
May 24th.—Regional Meeting at Neepawa Lodge.

May 25th.—Regional Meeting at Glenwood Lodge, Souris.

May 27th.—Church Service, First Masonic District.

June 3rd.—Service of Thanksgiving, Grand Lodge.

June 5th.—Visit to Grand Lodge, O.E.S.

June 5th.—Visit to "The Assiniboine" Lodge.

On motion of the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113), seconded by the Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), the Address was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address.

GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Most Worshipful Grand Master asked the following guests to address the brethren at this time:

M.W. Bro. J. C. Carter, Grand Master of Saskatchewan.
R.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary of Saskatchewan.
M.W. Bro. Wm. J. Ireland, Grand Master of Alberta.

These distinguished guests brought very kindly greetings from their respective Grand Lodges, to their Mother Grand Lodge.

The M.W. Grand Master expressed to our guest speakers his warm appreciation and sincere thanks for their kind and timely messages.

ADJOURNMENT

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment at 9.50 p.m. until 10.30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, June 7th, 1945.

Second Day

Thursday, June 7th, 1945.

Morning Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 10.30 a.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Samuel Burland, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Finance, begs to submit the following report:

Your Committee on Finance held regular monthly meetings to examine and approve the payment of all accounts billed through the Grand Secretary. The financial statement of Income and Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 1945, follows:

Income, Actual	\$15,737.50
Budgeted	11,010.00
	\$4,727.50 more than anticipated.
Expenditures, Actual	\$11,179.89
Budgeted	12,500.00
	\$1,320.11 less than anticipated

The net income of \$4,557.61 for the year may be accounted for in part to the increased grant last year in the per capita tax to Grand Lodge, from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per annum. The Committee strongly recommends that the increase in per capita tax be made permanent to enable the various committees to extend their activities.

The Committee on Research and Education is planning to put into realization a few of the plans that have been in the formative stage for some time, such as regional meetings which are to be supplementary to the usual District Meetings. There will also be distributed, free to all members, the publication "Masonry in Manitoba." There is also the Library Department of this Committee which has drafted plans to meet the demands of the Brethren, and for which additional funds will be required.

The Committee on Condition of Freemasonry will require additional funds to carry out its activities, such as conferences of District Deputy Grand Masters and visitations to Lodges throughout the jurisdiction by Grand Lodge Officers.

If the different Committees are to function as they plan, it is imperative that sufficient funds be made available. Therefore, in order that your Finance Committee may budget to meet all obligations, it is strongly recommended that the members of Grand Lodge support the amendment to the Constitution that will be presented to them in respect to the increase of per capita tax.

Your Committee wishes to commend the Grand Secretary for the close supervision he gives to all expenditures and the economical and efficient manner in which his office is conducted. The Committee also wishes to express to the Grand Secretary its appreciation for the assistance he gives to your Finance Committee at all times.

Your Committee has prepared and herewith submits for your consideration, a statement of approximate income and expenditures for the year ending March 31, 1946.

H. CODDINGTON,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1945-46

Income

Dues	.....	\$14,000.00
Initiations	.....	1,200.00
M.M. Certificates	.....	900.00
P.M. Certificates	.....	70.00
L.M. Certificates	60.00
Dispensations	40.00
Cash Sales, Supplies, etc.	300.00
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		\$16,570.00

Expenditures

Salaries	\$ 4,600.00
Rent	800.00
Postage and Stamp Tax	350.00
Stationery and Office Supplies	360.00
Supplies	350.00
Regalia, G.M.	275.00
Expense G.M.	800.00
Life Member Certificates	50.00
M.M. Certificates	50.00
Committee on Condition of Freemasonry	500.00
Committee on Research and Education	500.00
Library Maintenance	1,950.00
Jewel P.G.M.	60.00
Unemployment Insurance	30.00
Exchange	35.00
Masonic Paper	1,200.00
Telephones and Telegrams	125.00
Travelling (and Banff Conference)	800.00
Warning Circulars	40.00
Miscellaneous	350.00
Insurance	40.00
Additional Grant to G.M. 1944-45	300.00
War Services Committee	300.00
Grand Lodge Proceedings	700.00
Grand Lodge Communications	700.00
Auditors	150.00
Flowers and Christmas Cards	125.00
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	\$15,540.00

Presented by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), who moved that the Report be received and adopted, seconded by W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

May 19th, 1945.
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Benevolence begs to report as follows:

At the beginning of our Masonic year, April, 1944, your Committee had 33 cases to which grants from our Benevolent Funds were being made.

During the year, death claimed four of these Beneficiaries and two new cases are now receiving a monthly grant. In addition, the Committee rendered assistance to two other worthy cases. The grants made during the year amounted to \$5,634.37.

At the close of the year, March 31st, 1945, there were 31 cases to which a monthly payment was being made.

The Committee acknowledges with many thanks the response made to the Appeal of the Grand Master in December last. The Benevolent Fund has benefited, as at March 31st, 1945 to the extent of \$1,519.99. The following Lodges made contributions to this appeal:

Emerson Lodge No. 6	.....	\$ 10.00
King Solomon Lodge No. 8	.....	25.00
Stonewall Lodge No. 12	.....	60.00
Morden Lodge No. 13	.....	25.00
Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14	.....	50.00
Brandon Lodge No. 19	.....	8.00
Neepawa Lodge No. 24	.....	50.00
Carberry Lodge No. 29	.....	19.73
Manitou Lodge No. 30	.....	20.00
Birtle Lodge No. 39	.....	25.00
Lebanon Lodge No. 43	.....	300.00
Glenboro Lodge No. 48	.....	15.00
Oriental Lodge No. 54	.....	25.00
Russell Lodge No. 62	.....	20.22
Vermillion Lodge No. 68	.....	49.04
Crystal Lodge No. 71	.....	81.00
Hamiota Lodge No. 84	.....	25.00
Minota Lodge No. 102	.....	100.00
Strathclair Lodge No. 106	.....	102.00
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110	.....	25.00
Ophir Lodge No. 112	.....	10.00
Tweed Lodge No. 113 (Victory Bond)	.....	100.00
Norwood Lodge No. 119	.....	10.00
Penza Lodge No. 120	.....	15.00
Roblin Lodge No. 122	.....	25.00
Transcona Lodge No. 123	.....	25.00
Patricia Lodge No. 125	.....	25.00
Sprague Lodge No. 132	.....	5.00
McCreary Lodge No. 133	.....	15.00
Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134	.....	15.00
Beaver Lodge No. 139	.....	50.00
Meridian Lodge No. 140	.....	50.00

Fidelity Lodge No. 146	25.00
Foxwarren Lodge No. 152	5.00
Bro. J. E. Creasley (Rivers No. 115)	10.00
V.W. Bro. N. Rotshtein (Mt. Sinai No. 143)	100.00
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	\$1,519.99

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. J. MAJOR,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. W. J. Major (25), who moved it be received and adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10). Carried.

SHELLMOUTH LODGE No. 129

In view of the inability of Shellmouth Lodge No. 129, Shellmouth, to carry out the functions and activities of a constituent Lodge, at their own request and with the full approval of the Board of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge:

Be it Resolved: That this Grand Lodge, in Annual Communication assembled, assent, as it does now assent to the surrender of the Charter of Shellmouth Lodge No. 129 on the Grand Register of Manitoba; authorizes the sale of the Lodge premises at such price and on such terms as the said Lodge may approve; that the name of Shellmouth Lodge No. 129 be deleted from the roster of this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Secretary, in co-operation with R.W. Bro. W. D. Berwick, at present D.D.G.M. of the Fifth Masonic District, be authorized by this Grand Lodge to complete the liquidation of the said Shellmouth Lodge No. 129 at Shellmouth in accordance with the provisions of Section 196 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

Moved by R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138), seconded by W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121), that this resolution be received and adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

One of the pleasures of life is to stand at some window of remembrance and look down upon the years with their recollections of Golden Yesterdays and intimate associations.

Someone has said "we are the heirs of the past and ancestors of the future." It will serve my purpose if we think of "heirs" as belonging to yesterday and "ancestors" as bringing us into

relationship with tomorrow. Bridging these periods we find ourselves heirs of the men who delivered to us a heritage—by the same token, we are the men, who in days to come, will be designated as ancestors by the brethren who will succeed us in our work.

Heirs as a general rule are not an appreciative group. What they inherit invariably has cost them little or nothing. Their ancestor or benefactor, on the other hand, spent himself, his hard labor, his initiative, his ability, finally bequeathing his possessions to those who had no part in the making. Little do they know of the actual experience, the long weary grind, the self-sacrifice, the bitter struggle, the sad disappointments and sometimes defeat, before success rewarded a devotion of heart and hand and mind in the accomplishment of a life's desire.

This lack of appreciation for the rich gifts of the past is not confined to the material things of life. We find ample evidence, sometimes with added emphasis, in the spheres of community enterprise and fraternal fellowship. Too little attention is paid to the spiritual gifts so bitterly fought for by our ancestors.

Our modern way of life gives abundant proof that scant respect is shown to the achievements of our forefathers. Do we ever take time to even give them a thought? Perhaps this condition might be explained by a want of realization that it was the idealism of men—men and Masons like you and me—and their willingness to fight for their ideals, that permits us of our generation to enjoy benefits such as the world of their day never knew.

Conditions that we consider stupid and inhumane were once accepted as necessary and inevitable; conditions which we consider essential to human happiness were once considered visionary and unpractical.

The superior conditions of modern life which we enjoy cost somebody a very great deal. Let me amplify this thought briefly.

The form of government under which we live did not come about without a struggle. A democracy in which there was to be an equality of opportunity was at one time considered an iridescent dream; wholly impossible of attainment. Our forefathers had to contend long and strive hard, both on the field of battle and in the legislative halls in order to give to their heirs of the tomorrow the freedom we so carelessly take for granted.

Free Education—now an accepted fact, almost universally—belonged to the realm of dreamland not many generations past. The open Bible on our Masonic Altars is a symbol of an open

Bible, not only in our Lodge rooms, but an open Bible everywhere. Do you realize as you open your Lodge that at one time the Great Light was not an opened Book? Yes, and lives were sacrificed, men and women were burned at the stake, tortured, because they advocated the opening of this one Book to all mankind.

Those great Masonic principles, the right to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience, the right of free speech, the freedom of the press, the right to public assembly, the right to hold property—were not born with the announcement of the Atlantic Charter. These things, in part only, are our inheritance to enjoy and they come to us from the Craftsmen of yesterday. At what cost were these priceless gifts purchased? They have cost you and me—nothing.

Then we have, as always, those who are dissatisfied with their inheritance and loudly proclaim that much remains to be done before the perfect social condition can be attained. No one can successfully dispute this claim. We should remember however, that our Craft makes claim to be a progressive science. This, in my judgment, is an acknowledgment that Freemasons openly admit the world has not yet attained perfection.

Someone has said that the difference between an optimist and a pessimist is that the pessimist looks at his glass and cries "My glass is half empty." While on the other hand the optimist looking at his glass says "My glass is half full." It is well we should recognize that we do have a glass and that is half full. The struggle for greater achievement will go on because man has not ceased to be a fighting animal. It is this struggle for progress that brings thousands of Masons in all parts of the world together in their Masonic Lodges.

In the realm of Freemasonry we are indeed heirs of a great heritage. This generation did not create the Masonic Craft. It has come down to us through the years in varying forms, along a road which at times has been rough. Our Masonic ancestors gave to this institution, devotion, loyalty and faith, attributes that has made the name of Masonry stand out as one of the benefactors of mankind. In the dim and misty past our pioneer leaders forged arrows of light on the anvil of Freemasonry—to us comes the challenge to produce the bows to send these silver arrows home.

The story of Freemasonry in Manitoba is a fascinating one. Ours was the first fraternal organization to come to the Red River Country. Before a church of any denomination was built in the area which comprised the original limits of the City of Winnipeg the banner of the Craft had been unfurled. The

original Lodge—Northern Light Lodge—received its dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. The charter members, numbering nine in all, held the first Lodge Meeting in Western Canada, on November 9th, 1864, of the nine subscribers to the petition one was absent. From the date I have mentioned until the dispensation lapsed, we read in the original minute book the story of 18 initiations between 8th November, 1864, and 5th March, 1866, a period of 16 months. I would suggest this would be all the available material in the frontier settlement at the time. Remember there was no City of Winnipeg and no residential lots had at that time been subdivided by enterprising Real Estate promoters.

In connection with the nine stalwarts who organized the original Lodge, three of the number had been initiated before they took up residence in the locality—John Schultz, Charles Curtis and Matthew Connor. The other six had a unique experience. Sometime, in the month of March, 1864, in company of Brother John Schultz, they travelled to Pembina, Dakota Territory, where a Military Lodge, also working under dispensation met during the time the District was under Military control because of the Indian uprising there.

When these men travelled from the Red River Settlement to Pembina in the closing winter months of 1864, there would be only one means of conveyance; it was neither railway train nor modern automobile. You are too well acquainted with highway conditions in the month of March to be optimistic in regard to an open air journey along a primitive river trail. I imagine you will agree with me they made the trip by old fashioned sleighs. Seventy miles going—the same distance on their return. Surely a memorable event in the history of Masonry in Manitoba. There is yet another circumstance connected with this visit which should be recalled. I fancy our Constitutional hard shells would frown upon a repetition in this enlightened day. They went to be initiated and returned home fully pledged Master Masons. Quick work, but remember the circumstances—the isolation of Fort Garry in 1864—the fact that the nearest Chartered Lodge was in Minneapolis, with 500 miles of dangerous country in between and no means of regular transport available to the traveller.

The stirring events in the Red River Valley in 1869 resulting from the negotiations for the purchase of the country and the creation of Manitoba as a province of the Dominion of Canada is a long story—too long for any part to be reviewed tonight. These events affected the local Lodge to the extent that meetings were discontinued and subsequently the dispensation cancelled by Minnesota.

Let me before leaving our pioneer Lodge, pay tribute to the men who organized the Lodge—the three moving spirits behind the activity—The First Master, John Schultz, was subsequently chosen to sit in the Senate of the Dominion in 1883. Five years later he was appointed Lieutenant Governor of the Province and was knighted by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, in 1895. He was a great Canadian.

Andrew Bannatyne occupied nearly every public office in the Old Council of Assiniboia, the only form of government in the country at the time Manitoba was created. He was the moving spirit in the organization of the Winnipeg General Hospital and donated the site on which the Hospital stands. He was reputed to be the wealthiest man in the Red River and the old Lodge held all the meetings in the upper room over his business establishment.

Wm. Caldwell, the first Masonic Secretary, established the first newspaper—"Nor-Wester"—in Western Canada.

These are but brief, very inadequate, thumbnail sketches of the men who brought the Masonic Lodge into a "Great Lone Land."

We have already remarked that Northern Light Lodge had its roots in the Military Lodge at Pembina, Dakota, and carried on from 1864 to 1869.

On 21st May, 1870, a Military expedition set out from Collingwood, Ontario, under Colonel Wolseley. The strength of the contingent was 1,431 all told. Manitoba was in the hands of rebels and in order to establish the Province as a component part of the Dominion this military establishment was dispatched. They disembarked at Point Douglas on the morning of 24th August, 1870.

In this group of soldiers were several Masons and so, after peace had been re-established at the Forks we learn that nine Brother Masons who intended to remain in the country applied for and obtained from the Grand Lodge of Canada a dispensation to open a Lodge. Here we discover all nine of the Charter Members were connected with the Military expedition. This was the beginning of Prince Rupert's Lodge.

The first meeting of the new Lodge was held in the Drever House which stood near the corner of Main street and Portage avenue. The date of opening was 10th December, 1870, and six of the nine Charter Members were in attendance. The original name of the Lodge was "Winnipeg" but in January, 1871, it was changed to Prince Rupert's Lodge and under this name it has been designated through the years.

Within four weeks from the inaugural meeting of Prince Rupert's Lodge (January 4th, 1871) a second dispensation was issued by the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario). In this case the place of meeting was Lower Fort Garry and the name of the Lodge "Manitoban." Here again we find a desire on the part of the members to change the name of their Lodge and from 6th November, 1871, this Lodge, subsequently moved to Selkirk, has been recognized as Lisgar Lodge.

Perhaps it will interest some of you to get a brief glimpse of an interesting incident that happened in Lisgar Lodge in 1880. It appears that from the inception of the Lodge in 1871 up to 1883 the business of the Lodge was conducted in the E. A. Degree. From the minute book of the Lodge we learn that in April, 1880, a communication from Grand Lodge instructed all Lodges, henceforth, to transact Lodge business in the M. M. Degree. Lisgar Lodge continued, as they had always, in the E. A. Degree. However, at the meeting held 7th June, 1880, the Grand Master was announced as waiting to be admitted but refused to enter until the Lodge was raised to the M. M. Degree. The command was dutifully obeyed but for that one meeting only and despite the action of the Grand Master they continued merrily on their way for three more years before they finally complied with the order and conducted business in the M. M. Degree.

Incidentally the three Lodges in Manitoba, instituted under the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario), transacted their business in the E. A. Degree for ten years after they were opened.

Early in 1872 a movement to establish a second Lodge in Winnipeg (this was not adopted as the name of our City until 1873). The request for sponsorship at the hands of Prince Rupert's Lodge did not meet with favor and there was a strong disinclination to share the privileges of Lodge life with another Lodge. Like all other teakettle storms, this one found a solution and in June, 1872, it was resolved to sponsor Ancient Landmark Lodge.

The inaugural meeting of Ancient Landmark Lodge was held on 9th December, 1872. While this Lodge adopted the American Rite yet it commenced with the Canadian Rite and carried on with it until 1875, changing when the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was organized.

It is of interest to record that the first two brothers initiated in Ancient Landmark Lodge in course of time occupied the exalted position of Premier of the Province of Manitoba.

The three Lodges I have mentioned comprised the Masonic Craft in Manitoba until the year 1875 in which year our Grand

Lodge came into existence. At the time Grand Lodge was formed the combined membership of these Lodges was approximately 200. It was a tremendous undertaking for such a small number and one can visualize the responsibility when we consider they assumed sovereign power (Masonically) over Manitoba, The North West Territories (now Saskatchewan and Alberta) and the far off Yukon.

Grand Lodge was organized on 12th May, 1875, and our first Grand Master was Rev. Dr. W. C. Clarke. There is not a great deal we can say regarding this important event in our history. The official record is very bare. Beyond recording the names of the elected officers and some incidental motions, little color can be added in this address. Coincident with the formation of Grand Lodge one is justified in believing that our old friend J. W. Harris was busily engaged organizing St. John's Lodge because this lusty infant came forth as a new Lodge on 7th July, 1875. Modesty compels me to refrain from saying more about this Lodge.

Throughout our long history the most unfortunate event occurred in 1878, three years after Grand Lodge was organized. The cause of the disagreement centred around the subject of "Ritual." There are, and has been, two distinct "works" in constant use in Manitoba ever since the first Lodge was opened. One of these was used from 1864 to 1869, the other from 1870 to 1875. With the creation of Grand Lodge both "works" were recognized and used.

The unfortunate controversy was happily ended and harmony restored in 1879, but for twelve months there were two Grand Lodges in Manitoba and as you can readily understand the true spirit of Freemasonry was conspicuous by its absence during that period.

It would not serve any useful purpose to rehash the pros and cons of the subject on this occasion. The matter is dealt with very fully in "Freemasonry in Manitoba" and those who are curious or should I say interested in this subject can find the details in the book I mention. My only comment therefore is to quote the closing paragraph of the Chapter dealing with the schism—"The peaceful and harmonious relationships existing in Manitoba for many years are worth maintaining—let us therefore be careful lest we break the golden thread of brotherhood."

Reference has already been made to the extensive territory under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in the early years of its existence. I am sure you will be interested in a brief review of the activity across the wide expanse of the Western Prairie country. Between 1882 and 1886, a time of rapid

settlement, new Lodges were opened in several distant places on the fringe of civilization. The first of these new Lodges was Saskatchewan No. 17, at Edmonton, instituted in 1882, followed shortly thereafter by Kinistino Lodge at Prince Albert who transferred its allegiance from the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario).

In 1883, new Lodges opened at Regina and Moose Jaw. In 1884, Bow River Lodge at Calgary and in 1885 we issued a dispensation to Medicine Hat. Lodge to meet in Medicine Hat. The following year (1886) six more received dispensations and Lodges were opened at Fort Qu'Appelle; Indian Head; Qu'Appelle; Moosomin; Fort McLeod and North Battleford. Reference should also be made to Pequonga Lodge at Rat Portage (Kenora) in 1882.

Then casting their eyes far afield our pioneer brethren, with doubtful authority, in 1881, issued a charter to "Al Moghreb al Aska Lodge, No. 16," at Gibraltar, with permission to "remove to some city in Morocco." This Lodge was subsequently domiciled in Tangier and our action was challenged by both the Grand Lodge of England and Grand Lodge of Scotland. Here again I must refer you to our history book for the details of this interesting event.

In the early days of Manitoba our Grand Lodge was frequently called upon to lay the corner stone at the erection of many public and semi-public buildings. The first ceremony of this nature in Manitoba took place in 1875, about three months after the formation of our Grand Lodge. The occasion was the dedication at the City Hall in Winnipeg. A similar ceremony took place in 1880 when the first Louise Bridge was erected.

Our records tell the stories of corner stone ceremonies in Morris, Portage la Prairie, Morden, Maple Creek, and many other towns and cities which subsequently developed into important centres in the commercial and social life of Western Canada.

I would be guilty of negligence and liable to well merited censure if I did not make reference to the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge.

We had been operating as a Grand Lodge for 40 years before any real effort was made to establish a substantial fund for benevolent purposes. In the year 1916, there had been accumulated as potential reserve for benevolence approximately \$38,000.00. This might seem a large sum but not so in relation to the undertaking of a large responsibility.

In 1917, the late Brother P. E. Kellett, after his election as Grand Master set in motion an appeal for free will contributions

from individual members of all the Lodges in Manitoba. The objective was \$62,000.00, the idea being to organize a Fund with a minimum of \$100,000.00. Well, the campaign brought contributions amounting to \$78,000.00 and forthwith our Benevolent Committee was formed with \$115,000.00 in the Capital of the new Fund. There have been subsequent appeals for the same purpose and an examination of our financial statement will disclose the continued generosity of the members of our constituent Lodges in Manitoba.

I cannot begin to tell you in detail the extent of the assistance, we—you and your fellow members have been able to send those who were "in a poor and penniless situation" and as brothers or widows and orphans of brothers came to us for help, aid and assistance.

Let us never forget, brethren, we are Masonic ancestors because the Masonic Lodge and Freemasonry will be here in the tomorrow of the future.

What kind of Lodge—What kind of a Grand Lodge will we therefore transmit to the generations who will follow us? Shall we deliver a burning or an extinguished torch?

Eighty years ago last November, eight of our ancestors had faith as well as vision in the power of Freemasonry. This small group brought the Craft into a great lone land and kindled the lamp of brotherhood on a chilly winter night. The light still burns brightly in scores of towns and cities from Winnipeg to the Yukon.

Eleven years later, in 1875, a slightly larger number consecrated their efforts in the organization of a Grand Lodge—your Grand Lodge. At times the light has flickered but never came the challenge to greater effort that was not accepted promptly.

Have you ever contemplated the physical conditions and handicaps under which our pioneer was obliged to face when the Lodge was in session and the degrees conferred on candidates? The primitive frame or log buildings; the rough home-made furniture, the candlelight, the coal oil lamp, the heater in the corner, no graded highways, no street lights, no sidewalks.

Electric light did not illuminate Winnipeg until 25 years after the first Lodge was instituted. Confederation, the creation of Manitoba, the incorporation of Winnipeg, the organization of a public school system, the founding of the General Hospital, and a score of other community enterprises, all considered so necessary in our modern way of life, did not materialize until long after the Light of Masonry came to Red River. It was our ancestors who left to us—their heirs—this legacy.

We want to occasionally think back further and further; not only recalling our own personal experiences but the experiences of the men who were our Masonic ancestors. By doing this we will re-discover the extraordinary promise and freshness and experience of the by-gone years.

Thinking back will freshen us up, enable us to find perspective; sharpen our imagination. Not that we want to escape the present but we want, sometimes, to stand away from it in order to see it more clearly.

In front of us there is a more difficult journey than the one our fathers took. It is by rediscovering what our fathers did and recapturing the spirit which directed their steps that we will be strengthened for our future task.

We the men of today, bridge yesterday with tomorrow. It is not enough that we accept our legacy from the past and have no regard for the legacy we should bequeath to the Masons of tomorrow.

Canada—and that means you men of Canada—will soon have a multitude of great problems to solve and because this is so, the resurgence of the audacious pioneer spirit, which made this country great is important. If it takes hold of the country as it did in days gone by, then we'll have an important date to keep with destiny.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS.

GRAND CHAPLAIN'S ADDRESS

To The Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and
Members Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

At the close of the last Annual Communication I had an enforced holiday of several weeks. Finding myself in a city where there were excellent library facilities I decided to embark on a study of Masonic Origins. The problem was where to begin. One or two historians intimated that Masonic history began at least 600,000 years ago. I knew there and then that if I were to begin at the beginning I could not get back to civilization in time to report to this annual communication, so I joined the procession at the building of King Solomon's Temple, which was as far as my cable tow could be expected to reach in the course of a year.

Historians are not all agreed as to when, and where, and how Free Masonry originated. Some trace its origin far back in the dim twilight of earth's early morning where history becomes lost in tradition. Others find it or something like it in the pre-historic civilization of the Orient. Still others see its beginnings in the authentic story of the building of King Solomon's Temple.

But whatever may have been the origin or the purpose of our fraternity, matters but little at this moment. Whether in its primitive form it fulfilled the purpose of a trades union, or whether rising to a higher plane it taught the workman that the tools with which he wrought had a symbolic meaning, in the shaping of his own character, is, after all, a trivial thing in comparison to the question—What is Freemasonry today?

The prehistoric age lies behind us never to return; the present alone is ours, and the future can be. The record which we make today will become history tomorrow. It is our duty as members of the craft so to live and act that we shall raise for ourselves an imperishable monument of virtue and morality, and when this throbbing, vital present shall have itself become the dead and distant past, the student of Masonry, standing as I do now, and addressing the generations yet unborn, shall find in us an example worthy of imitation and derive a fresh inspiration from the faded but not forgotten glories of an historic past.

We shall leave the question of Masonic origins to the more gifted Historians and try to find inspiration for today and tomorrow from the universally accepted story of the building of King Solomon's Temple.

TOPIC "THE FOREST AND THE QUARRY"

Like many another man before and since King David had his dreams—dreams of things that were to him unattainable. One such was the building of a temple which he wished to build to the glory of Jehovah. He was, however, told that he could gather the material, out of which his son Solomon should build.

Nobly did Solomon carry out the purpose of his royal father, for as soon as the reins of the kingdom were firmly in hand Solomon made the contract for timber and workmen with his neighbour King Hiram of Tyre.

The material for the temple was gathered at home and abroad before the actual work of construction began. The stones were fitted for their places and the beams shaped and numbered for their particular use, so that "neither axe nor hammer, nor any tool of iron was heard in the house while it was building."

For seven years this work of preparation and construction went on until in the eleventh year of King Solomon's reign the marvel was completed and the building ready for its dedication.

The picture is one of great significance — the scenes of energy and restlessness, with the solemn and steadfast purpose running through them all.

The forest of Lebanon, where the hewers of wood were engaged upon their task must have presented scenes of great noise and confusion.

The quiet where the cool shadows of the trees fell, was broken with a harsh sound, the devastating blows of many axes. But Lebanon must be put alongside Mount Moriah, where the temple was to stand; the confusion in Lebanon, the noiseless construction on the Temple platform.

At Jerusalem, near the Damascus gate there is a little door in a side hill, the entrance to the so-called quarries of Solomon. Here Solomon's workmen quarried the stones for the Temple. No sound of any tool of iron was heard in the erection of the Temple on the platform above. Far from all the life of the city these stone cutters of ancient days could do their work where no ears but their own could hear. So the Architect's plan could proceed without noise or tumult.

The forests of Lebanon, in our day, have multiplied a thousand fold. They are to be found on the far flung battle

line of our Empire, as well as in the more secluded areas of our social and national life.

Amid the noise and tumult of battle our brave youth are hewing out the timbers and fashioning the materials for the temple that is to be.

The faith, courage and heroism displayed in the past six years, inspires us with hope that when the din of battle has ceased the Great Architect's plan for humanity can proceed without noise and tumult.

Shakespeare compares life to a stage in which every man must play a part. The actors appearing upon the scene at a time when they can make a contribution to the unfolding drama. Surely, for such an hour as this Freemasonry was born and every true Mason has a part to play in the forest and the quarry.

History reveals that after each European war Freemasonry has taken a tremendous leap forward. There is reason to hope that the present war will be no exception. The coming days call for earnest, faithful labour. The quarries of life must resound to the stroke of the gavel and the trowel.

The rough Ashlar with which speculative Masonry deals is human nature with its infinite capabilities, passions, conflicting tendencies, and undying hopes. To adjust this stone, laden with possibilities, and iridescent with the fires of Immortality, yet housed in a material body, is the work of our craft.

Let no untempered mortar mar the beauty of your work or unskilled hands confuse the design upon your tressel board. Remember that though in the forest and quarries the sounds of preparation were heard, at the "Temple" no noise disturbed the harmonious adjusting of the blocks into their proper place in the Temple.

In the story of the building of King Solomon's Temple there is a suggestion of those solemn, constructive forces,

which are building ever in the seen and unseen world. Stand in the forest when the whole landscape is covered with a mantle of snow. The cold piercing north wind seems to imply that death reigns supreme. But beneath that mantle life is gathering strength for the coming of spring, and soon the flowers and shrubs will silently tunnel their way through to light, and air, and God. Look up into the heavens at night, where the planets move in their swift orbits, "There is no speech nor language, their voice is not heard." So the kingdom of God comes not with observation in the souls of men, or in the life of the world.

Ministering agencies, to be sure, are all about us; the Volume of the Sacred Law, the place of prayer, the door of benevolence; but the building stones of faith, hope and love, like the stones of the Temple, are laid in silence within the soul, and within the structure of society.

So the building of life goes silently on, with materials which have been shaped in our daily tasks and in our commonplace surroundings.

For every man is a builder not only in that invisible structure which is rising in every land, and in every city, but in the inner temple of the soul, holy or unholy, according as a man hath built on the foundation—gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, stubble. Out of the same quarry a man may build a temple or a prison, a palace or a hovel.

It is said of Sir Christopher Wren, the Architect of St. Paul's Cathedral, that he gave instant dismissal to any man who took the name of God in vain as he wrought in the sanctuary.

It is serious business, this business of building a personality, this business of doing our part in the coming of God's Kingdom in the world of mankind.

It is well that we reverently acknowledge the Divine presence and seek the Divine guidance, both as we do our forest and quarry work of preparation, and as we build ourselves with the product of our toil into the life of the world.

There are formative years when the mind is most plastic. Youth is the golden age of memory. How true is the saying, "What we put into the first of life we put into all of it." That is why we are exhorted to "remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth." This is the time in the forest of Lebanon, this is the time in the quarries beneath the city.

As we grow to maturity we gain experience and knowledge. Our views broaden in some ways, and narrow in other ways. But when we come to analyze ourselves, we discover that the large and permanent part of our mental and moral furnishings we assimilated in youth and never lost.

And what is true of memory is true of the moral consciousness; what falls there then stays there however overlaid it may become in the years to come.

Your geologist goes down into the strata of the earth and tells you that this hard layer of rock was once soft and plastic. There in the stone is the print of a leaf, which fell softly and silently in some autumn day before history began and it is as fresh in the print as if it fell in the winds of yesterday.

It is an allegory of the plastic time of human life, sensitive, receptive, seizing all that it can reach, and keeping it in an imperishable part of itself.

No one of us can thoroughly examine himself and not recognize the truth of what I am saying. The house of our lives is in process of building. We have had something to do with making ourselves what we are.

Other people had much to do with making us what we are.

There is the Ancestral quarry, the human stuff out of which every child gets his early materials for building.

The child brings with him a store of inheritance. Like Solomon, he deals with materials left by others. The child has in every cell of his body, in every throb of his nerves,

the memorial of a human past. No one would venture to deny that the Ancestral quarry counts for much.

And there is the quarry which we call Environment. The child builds from the world outside of himself the structure of his inner mind and soul. Up to the age of five or six years his world is the home. The attitude of his parents, brothers and sisters, to one another, in the home, will be the attitude which he carries into the larger world of society.

And then there is the quarry of the school, college, and workman's bench—all have to do with the shaping of the material which has quietly and inevitably gone into the personality of us all.

We can hardly fail to remember the heritage which is ours from those who have gone before us.

Some of us can testify of our own knowledge, that much of the timber and stone of life's building was shaped and fashioned in the thought and toil of those whose life work will find its meaning in what we are and what we do.

Three suggestions I leave with you:

(1) King Solomon put his best into his work. Nothing was spared — labor, nor time, nor money. The earth was ransacked that the Temple might be as fair as fair could be. Did the cedar trees wave tall and stately in the woods of Lebanon? Then make an alliance with King Hiram of Tyre. Get the best timber and the most skilful workmen, for the material is sought for the house of the Lord. Was Hiram, the widow's son, the most noted of all craftsmen in works of brass? Then let the widow's son be brought from Tyre, for this work is for the house of the Lord. Nothing is too good for Him.

This is the spirit of all true work, of all true life.

You recall the story of the ancient workman whose heart was in the work, and they found that away up under

the roof and in the gables he was laboring with as great care as in the vestibule below.

When someone asked him why he took such pains, when there was no one to see, he replied that there was God to see.

There is sure satisfaction and deep peace which only that man can know who puts his best into his work.

The work goes on in silence, but not without effort. The stillness of the process does not mean that it is wrought easily or without pain. To put the bridle on clamorous passions, to take the uphill road, to face serious and staggering problems, to be defeated and yet struggle on, to fall and rise again, to take up your cross until God's work is done, that is the only way. Not always over flowery meadows, but often over the flinty highway, we must move on to the kingdom of the soul.

And once more remember that Solomon added beauty to strength "Upon the top of the pillars was lily work." Strength and beauty both were there. You remember how God was always telling Israel, "Be strong and of good courage." But be sure to strength add beauty.

Be able to do graciously a gracious deed. Give courtesy back to courtesy. Yes, and give courtesy back to discourtesy, too. Have something of gentleness mingling with the rock, some find consideration for others, some sympathy for the unfortunate, and some pity for the one who has sorely erred.

God has wedded beauty to strength. It is written plain upon His universe. We see it in the oak. Strong it is, but the painter despairs as he tries to reproduce its beauty. Beautiful it is, but it repels the beat of the storm, and stands upright in sturdy strength.

What lies ahead of us as men and Masons is the opportunity to take part in one of the great moments of history. This war has taught us what our ancestors did not know,

that an ordered society is not ordained for us but has laboriously to be constructed, out of blood, sweat and tears.

Walter Lippman wrote as early as 1933, "We are living in a great age, and we are put to the test whether we can be worthy of it. If we can, we shall leave to the citizens of tomorrow an example of fortitude and the memory of great deeds."

The following words of an 18th century poet are applicable to our day:

"God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who lived above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking."

The work in the forest and the quarry is going on for us all and in us all. The walls of life's building are rising, it may be, perchance for some of us, far towards completion. But, meantime, the work still goes on, in the forest, in the quarry, where no eye but ours sees fully, save the eye of Him from whom nothing is hid.

There may we do our best and truest work, under His wise and loving guidance. There may we learn, if need be, to suffer and be strong, in the strength of those who worship not the god of appearances but of realities which shall endure throughout eternity.

HARRY B. WALLACE,
Grand Chaplain.

The M.W. the Grand Master thanked R.W. Bro. H. B. Wallace for his fine address, to which the brethren heartily responded.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

A year has passed since last we met under these same auspices, to honor the passing from this life to the next of many of our esteemed brethren. It is quite fitting that we should pause in our deliberations to take cognizance of their passing.

In a society so widely patronized as Freemasonry, whose membership in this province alone numbers more than ten thousand, it follows that a large company of our brethren has been elevated during the intervening year to the Grand Lodge above.

God has decreed and it is a law of the universe that every atom is in a continual state of progression. Consequently every form of life upon this earth obeys that divine law, and man progresses physically from his entry into this material world to his exit from it.

We are not much concerned with this material progression but rather with the spiritual development which parallels it. With the first breath of life God breathed into each human form a living soul of infinite age and experience, to be its tenant for the short journey from the cradle to the grave. The soul through its physical vehicle makes contact with other souls and by continual association with them itself grows and adds to its store of experience. When the time comes that each soul has progressed as far as the limitations of its earthly temple permits, it leaves its material body and re-enters the spiritual world whence it came, there to carry on its divine mission. Hence our Masonic ritual rightly terms this physical life as a "transitory life."

If we be true Masons we believe in the existence of God as the supreme head of the universe, and also in the immortality of the soul. Our earthly pilgrimage is only a phase of our eternal existence. During this brief earthly sojourn we come to know many of our fellow spirits with whom we come in contact from day to day and year to year. We come to admire them as we learn to appraise their noble qualities of spirit. We come to love them for their benevolence and deeds of kindness. In fact we sometimes forget and come to feel a definite attachment for the person of a friend or brother rather than his soul which is the permanent reality. Hence we grieve over the remains of a brother who has left us and returned to his spiritual state. True, we miss the kindly look, the warm and friendly handclasp, the word of encouragement which often means so much. If we really believe in immortality death becomes a mere transition from one state of existence to another.

Therefore, the transition of a brother should be an occasion of rejoicing and of sympathy, only to the loved ones left behind.

Today as we take cognizance of the passing of a host of our brethren both in our own and sister jurisdictions, let us recall the many deeds of love and sacrifice which they performed while in the flesh. Let us recall particularly the thousands of young men who went forth to fight for the principles which Masonry had taught them. They gave their all that we might live in freedom and security. Let us thank God for the privilege of having known them for a brief while. Let us thank God for their sacrifice on our behalf. God has given them their reward the sooner in proportion to the value of their service to their fellowmen. Let us express and convey our sympathy to their loved ones left behind. Let us not mourn their passing but rejoice that they have been translated to that spiritual state whence they may still be our spirit guides and guardians.

"They are not dead but live eternally
Beyond the borders of material sense.
The life each lived, the lessons learned
While earth-bound in their vehicles of clay
Was but apprenticeship to the greater life
Of service throughout God's eternal day."

DAVID GRIFFITH,
On behalf of the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Samuel Burland, called on the following distinguished visitors to address Grand Lodge:

M.W. Bro. W. F. Holman, Grand Master of Minnesota.

M.W. Bro. H. W. Swenson, Grand Master of North Dakota.

The Grand Master thanked the two speakers for their kindly greetings and messages of goodwill from their Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master then introduced W. Bro. Dr. Frank L. Eversull of Fargo, North Dakota, who is to be the guest speaker at our Grand Lodge Luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 12.10 Noon, to attend the Grand Lodge Luncheon at 12.30 Noon.

Grand Lodge to re-convene at 2.30 p.m.

GRAND LODGE LUNCHEON

Luncheon was served to our Distinguished Guests and members of Grand Lodge, at the Royal Alexandra Hotel, at 12.30 noon, June 7th, by the Freemasons of the First and Twelfth Masonic Districts, under the auspices of the Winnipeg Past Masters' Association, W. Bro. Thos. L. Dodsworth, President and Chairman:

All joined in singing O Canada and The Star Spangled Banner.

Invocation given by R. W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, D.D.

PROGRAMME

Toast—"The King," the President of the U.S.A.

The Chairman

Chairman's Remarks

Selection..... Bro. Ernest Burrows

Toast—The M.W. the Grand Master of Manitoba

The Chairman

Address..... W. Bro. Dr. Frank L. Eversull

With a few well-chosen words, the Chairman, W. Bro. Thos. Dodsworth, introduced the speaker at the Luncheon, Dr. Frank L. Eversull:

ADDRESS BY DR. FRANK L. EVER SULL

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren and Friends:

I am very happy to be again in Winnipeg and enjoy the hospitality which I have found here before, and which I find has grown and matured during my absence. I can say very truthfully to you that I do not know of any other place I have

visited where I have been more warmly received and more cordially cared for than here in your City. Nothing gives me greater pleasure than to come back again to Grand Lodge in Canada.

The subject I am going to talk to you about is one that appeals to me now more than any other that I know of, and that is the problem of post war conditions in the United States and Canada. I say that, because we out at the Agricultural College have already sent over 2,000 of our own people to aid in this colossal conflict. These young men and women, many of whom are graduates, have taken places of leadership and distinction in all the areas of conflict. Many of them are coming back from day to day, telling me of the things that have happened in the past and what they are thinking about the future. As they have sat in the office and spun their yarns and told their stories, my heart has been heavy on many occasions as I realized how inadequately we are prepared to take care of our young people and how little we know of the dangerous days that lie immediately ahead. It is true, we, have all our post war plans and we have all our fine theories about what to do when this war is over, yet one can only see the practical part of the thing when one sits side by side with those who have gone through it and listens to those perplexing questions to which neither we nor anyone else have found the true answers. I have talked long with people from the Agricultural College, from municipalities, from the Federal Government and from other organizations, who also have their problems to meet and solutions to find, I would like to pick out four of them to speak to you about today.

My real purpose this afternoon was to take my hair down—I have still some to take down,—but looking over this audience I find most of you have taken it down so far that there is nothing left, I am wondering exactly how to meet the situation. I want, first of all, to talk to you, saying those things for which I am alone responsible and which represent my own opinions, these things in no way reflect the opinions of the great masses in North Dakota and other jurisdictions. For these I want to take full responsibility.

POST WAR RESPONSIBILITY TO VETERANS

I want to take, first of all, the problems of post war Masonic responsibilities. During the past five years a great many of our young people on both sides of the border have entered a Masonic Lodge. You and I know well the reasons. Some of them felt that in a short time they were going to be inducted in the forces of one or another of the countries and before they went they wanted to follow out the tradition of the family. In that family tradition there loomed up very largely the matter of joining the Masonic Fraternity. Many of you have had the rather beautiful experience of having your son say to you, "Dad, before I go away I ought to join the Lodge." Then we got the petition, had it properly signed and voted upon. We watched with feverish anxiety, the progress from the first to the second and third degrees and realized that he was going over the same road that we, ourselves, had travelled.

Some of these young men have heard it said that practically all the officers of the armed forces were Masons and unless they joined they would not get the preference that others got and would not be entitled to the same security which they otherwise would obtain. They hastened through went to the induction centres and showed their cards. They expected they would be entitled to something which would be in the nature of preference, or something a little safer than the ordinary.

Then there were others who had heard of the influence of the Lodge; they had heard of things which had been done, and in order to be in with the group they, too, sought admittance and were ultimately initiated.

Then you find some, who because of the reputation of Freemasonry, decided they would cast their lot with the group and they, also, sought admission.

Now these groups that I have mentioned have all gone through, they have received instruction as quickly as it could be given. A good many of them were forced to receive degrees

at distant Lodges under other jurisdictions. They went ahead with their work and had the opportunity to do things that ordinarily are kept away from those who are uninitiated and do not belong to the Masonic Brotherhood. Those who were gathered in the Armed Forces were able to fraternize between nation and nation, between race and race. In Masonry they found the common bond of heritage, the one bond of recognition, the one cause of friendship, the one basis of common understanding which enabled them to do things and go places ordinarily denied to other people.

A great many of our young people who have gone through our Lodges in unprecedeted numbers during the last few years are going to come back in a very short time. It may be sooner than we now hope. They are going to look to us for something to do. They are coming back a diffieren group than went out. I can't help but think of how it affected a boy we had years ago and reared as our own son. In 1940 he graduated from college and started work in a bank in St. Louis at a salary of \$105.00 a month. On the 5th of January, he called me up and said, "Dad, I want to join the Armed Forces." There was nothing to say but, "O.K. Go to it." On the 5th of February he went through to California, and on the 26th of September, 1941, he graduated as a Fighter Pilot. On the 18th of December, unconvoyed, he set off for Bataan, only to find when they reached Hong Kong that the Philippines had fallen. He went back to Australia, where he landed, and may I say to you members of the Dominion that this story of that association appeals to me as one of the most glorious stories of friendship and brotherly love that I have ever heard. One cannot say too much of your brothers who are down under. They have been the most splendid partners and loyal supporters of our boys. They have established a friendship which will last as long as life lasts.

He told me curious stories of British Intelligence in the European theatre. Whenever the British Intelligence said a railroad train would leave a station at eight o'clock in the morning, they mean eight o'clock. He is now Lieutenant-Colonel and is back after a year in the South Pacific, where

he was shot down at Darwin, and after a year in England where he led at that time the largest group of fighter planes that ever went out under single command on the attack on Norway. Now I know that that boy in the last four or five years, has lived five, or ten, or twenty times longer than I have lived. He has had more experience than I could hope to crowd into half a century. Probably many of the boys who come back are going to come in under vocational training, but in mental rehabilitation and spiritual rehabilitation they are going to need more care and more sympathetic understanding than we are now prepared to give. They are going to look for help and leadership and are already asking what we are going to do about it. As yet we have nothing to offer, although the literature is filled with suggestions. There is hardly a current magazine that is not giving some practical suggestions of what we must do for the boys when they come back. I am hoping that as I go about meeting Masons in the United States and Canada that all of us, working together, can put aside some of these trifling things that trouble us so much and settle down to a programme of rehabilitation so that there will be no young returning Mason but will be taken care of by his Lodge; this cannot be done by a committee. A committee is the most deadly thing that exists in any organization. Human hearts and human hands must solve the problem. The long watches of the night should see many of us poring over the problems that are before us. As we go on our way we should solve the problems, then those lads will be readjusted and reoriented into civilian life. They are going to need a great deal of readjustment and direction in connection with their social life, their economic life and their family life. Many of them are coming back with grave questions about us. They are raising grave questions about our labor organizations. They are raising graver questions about our racial and sex problems, questions about our religious organizations. They are certainly taking into consideration maladministration in State and in National Governments. They are going to have many solutions for our problems and unless we are going to turn our government, our Lodges and our churches over to them to run as they think they should be, then I want to say to you we will need

to reorganize all that we have and all that we are to take care of the pitfalls that are becoming more and more apparent as they return to civilian life and begin to take the **reins** in their own hands. It is up to us to see them restored to family life, to home, to society and to those other organizations that we have within our Commonwealth which are designed primarily to enable people to live a life under those conditions which create happiness and joy and security.

Many of us are going to find that the things we have been doing and are doing are infinitely insignificant. We have been spending a great deal of our time pettifogging along with insignificant details which are meaningless and at the same time of no consequence. You and I are going to have to study our problems and show these boys that we have grown with them. That is the thing I would like to emphasize here and now for Masons and Masonry. Unless we can demonstrate to them that we have grown with them, that we have had experiences with them and are ready to face the future with them, shoulder to shoulder, in all life's travels, difficulties and vicissitudes, we can only expect them to come back and find civilian life flat, stale and unprofitable. Then they will decide on a regime of their own which might mean nothing short of revolution and, perhaps, complete collapse.

This is the opportunity for Freemasonry to rise in its power and might, exercise all of its genius and all the strength that it has. No greater opportunity has ever presented itself to this great Order than will present itself in the days ahead. Anything we can do or hope to do will amount to nothing at all unless we can do it and say it with authority and with the feeling of love and friendship and brotherhood. This means definitely that we will have to spend time, we will have to give up something. It means definitely we will have to put aside some of the tender memories, some of the ease and comforts we have had, in order that we may give each and every boy the opportunity to start out on the road of self sufficiency whose goal is ultimately security. Unless we can put into Masonry those elements that will mean something to our boys and girls who return we had better return our charter and join some organization that is concerned with vital things.

Therefore, I am saying to you that now is the time when we had better rise and meet our critics. Masonry has had a long and glorious history. This morning you heard it said it started back 600,000 years ago. There is not much difference between 600,000 and 60,000, as far as we are concerned. At any rate, you and I have become joint heirs of a great political, social and moral philosophy that has drawn richly and deeply from the riches of ancient philosophy, history, morality, polities and government. Those were the principles which governed our ancient brotherhood. Then because we were a select group and our membership was obtained and maintained only under certain conditions we have been rather a smug and complacent group of people. As a result there has grown up in others the notion that we are of no consequence, an idea that we are not to be reckoned with. It is high time Masonry stepped out of its smug complacency and made a definite stand for itself. I call your attention to the fact that it is constantly said of us that we joined a rationalist order and therefore we are irreligious. Some churches throughout the land have gone so far as to stand up and definitely castigate us and deny membership in their organizations to those who had membership in ours. It has been considered good form to stand up in certain congregations and groups and say everything mean about Masons and Masonry and receive applause for so doing. That is amply illustrated by the anti-Masonic movement which took place in America at the beginning of the last century. We have sat by quietly and allowed people to say what they wanted about us, without attempting to dispute or answer. The day is here when we have a Catholic hour, a Kiwanis hour, a Rotary hour and every other kind of hour on the radio. The press has its special columns for special groups. We too, have something to sell to the people of the world. It is time that we roused from the isolation that has characterized us through the ages. We should put all of our cards and all of our accomplishments on the table and let our work be measured by what we have done, rather than by what they say.

There are those among our members who say we are run by authority and that unless you are in the inner circle you

don't amount to much. There are others who say, "Well, the Master and Secretary are doing this and that and the other and it is no use us doing anything." They do not recognize that the very foundation of Freemasonry is the democratic idea. Out of its ranks have arisen those who have maintained leadership in Masonry and in many other fields.

Then we have those who join from self interest, who as soon as they get through with the Lodge want to use it for some kind of preference. They seem to think that is the principal object of Masonry. I know of no single phase, no single action, no single philosophy that would justify that. Those of us who have been through recognize the fact that the ramification of the simple lesson learned in the first degree is the total lesson of Freemasonry. We have nothing to be ashamed of, nothing to be afraid of. So I say to you very frankly that it may be we are going to have to change our method of doing things. It may be we will have to put aside some of our old traditions and work in a new direction, in order to maintain our integrity. We may say to the world that Masons are those who are interested in democratic procedure and in the welfare of mankind.

We must reexamine the lessons of Freemasonry. I wonder if I were to ask you very frankly what is Freemasonry what would you say. There are those among you who would say it is a beautiful method of teaching, whereby, through the degrees you learn the great lessons of life, of loving and helping one another. This is exemplified in the lives of men who have maintained its theories and ancient landmarks, almost unchanged from the very beginning down through the ages. They have learned its lessons and got help through its teachings.

Yet Masonry is not just a matter of words and degrees. If you and I should sit down together and talk things over and come to understand our problems and draw conclusions, I wonder what, down in your hearts, you would say what you think of it. Some of you would say it is a swell bunch of fellows; some of you would say it is an opportunity to get free meals once in a while; some of you would say it is a

grand organization which enables me to give free exercise to my ego; and others would say it is an amplification of the teachings of the church, it is the very programme of human living. Then there are others who might say Freemasonry equals friendship, Freemasonry equals brotherly love, or Masonry equals self denial, or self control. As yet we have no single definition. The job that confronts us in the post-war world requires us to get down to some basis of definition whereby we may agree about the objectives of this organization of ours so that we may speak a common language, have a single objective to tell those around and about us and to preach to the uttermost parts of the earth what this thing means. Let us show that Masonry is not a divided organization, that you and I and all of us, wherever we are dwelling, can gather together all the things that Masonry stands for and all that it participates in, and put it into one single clarion call at which sound we may move forward in our efforts to make the world a better place in which to live and a happier place in which to rear our children.

Therefore, I would like to say I am not concerned about ritual, or the way we transact our business. I have no sympathy with the man who is concerned whether it is this or that, whether he takes it right or left, or whether there should be an "a" instead of "b." Those are marks of intellectual deterioration. Lets go back with the steadfast determination that Masonry is the thing that counts, not the machinery of Masonry. I am wondering how many of us are using the square and compass, are putting our hands on the shoulders of men and saying, "Perhaps we are wrong. Let us sit down and talk this thing over." I wonder how many have put away the regalia and have said, "We are more concerned about your welfare, your family, your success in business, your spiritual welfare, than whether we are going to be appointed to some committee at the next meeting of Grand Lodge."

I am also interested in the fact that Freemasonry is interested primarily in democratic traditions. If there is one thing that is of significance to us today it is this outstanding

fact. When Hitler rose to power the first thing he did was to extinguish Masonry. I have a great fear in my heart that democracy is heading for troubles. It is going to remain for us to preserve democracy; I say without fear of contradiction that dictatorship in all its evil outstanding features will rise up in its power unless Freemasonry steps in and we enter the fight. We are travelling on the road to destruction and if we remain indifferent to our own security and our own necessity, then we will have nobody to blame but ourselves, then we will suffer a well earned and much merited destruction. You and I ought to preserve and to preach and broadcast the real genius of Freemasonry. For me Masonry means friendship, a friendship that means more than just "Hello, Brother." friendship that means more than just a passing acquaintance, a friendship that goes deeply and significantly and fully into my heart and into the hearts of those that I teach and into everything I do and everything I say.

I have said to you we have these post-war problems. One is the problem of the returned veterans; the second is the problem of answering our critics and ceasing to be afraid; and the third one is to defend, protect and promote the genius of Freemasonry.

Now I come to the fourth and the one that comes closest to my heart. I speak to you now out of the experience of thirty some odd years in handling young people throughout the United States. I speak to you after having visited upwards of forty Army and Navy camps in the past four or five years and having talked to hundreds, maybe thousands, of young men and young women. I speak to you out of the conviction that no nation can rise higher than the youth of that nation; I speak to you out of the conviction that the peace and security of Masonry, church, home, school and democracy depends ultimately on the way we handle our young people. I am concerned about it from another angle. Just recently, I have been going around talking to boys who are bothered and perplexed as they are waiting for their eighteenth birthday to come and who are certain that induction is just around the corner. They talked to me through the long watches of the

night and in the daytime. They have poured out their hearts to me and tried to get sympathetic understanding. I have sat patiently and listened long as they have told their many stories. They all add up to the same thing. The boys are saying to me that the old folks don't care. They are saying very definitely that parents don't know what it is all about, that they are only considering their own problems of making money and paying income taxes and worrying about the older ones who are in the service. They are leaving the young people pretty much to their own devices; they say the schools are filled with incompetent men, incompetent because if they were competent they would be in the Armed Forces, and a bunch of silly women who are themselves tremendously frustrated. Because of that they are tremendously incapacitated for leadership of strong, virile, wholesome young people. They say that the church has nothing for them, that they hear nothing at all of their own problems, of the dangers that confront them. The whole thing has become so emotionalized, youth is seeking some process which would help solve their problems and give them some feeling of satisfaction. So they come and ask the question, what is it all about and what are we going to do? Then when we talk about the Temple and Masonry they say, "Why should we join the Masonic Lodge? About all the Masonic Lodge has done for us in the past three years was to raise the devil because we smoked in the rooms where they never smoked before. We only got there on the ground floor. Why, if they think so much of us, don't they come out and participate in the things we do and plan with us. We don't want them to plan for us, we want them to plan with us. Why don't they come out and listen once in a while, instead of doing so much talking to us? We have to find our own groups, our own activities. We can't do it in church, because we can't say in church what we want to do. We can't do it in our homes, because there is nobody in the home." Therefore, the only things that are left are the moving picture shows and the road houses. In the former they get the lessons of life from some of the most highly paid group of morally undesirables that the world has ever known, and lessons which are certainly

most unhealthy and unwholesome. And our Masonic Lodge sits by and wonders why they are not attracted to its door.

We have a job in this post-war world and no other organization is going to do our work for us. We have a solemn responsibility, a responsibility to pass on to the young people the aspiration for the great and noble things of our history which is replete with famous names, names that have lived through all the ages. We have to go to them with a philosophy of life that will lead them from the good to the better until at last their best is reached. We have in Masonry abundant leadership which is almost unparalleled in any other organization in the world. Our task today is before us, it is tremendous, overwhelming. So I say to you, let us put aside our prejudices, let us put aside our little idle entertainments, let us strengthen our voices. Let me remind you again that these young people have very little to look forward to after years of occupation in Germany and Japan,—no home, no family of their own, no acquaintances, nothing but the wreck of a post-war world. They have nothing to look forward to except the day of solving those problems inherent in race and creed, and those problems that have grown out of maladministration and misadministration, those questions that are daily increasing. There is very little for them to live for unless you and I can say that back through the ages there has been a single road, which has been divided in three parts, and those three have been shown on the pages of human experience as it has been revealed to us in the secret volume of our religion. They are further revealed to us in the work of our profession. That road has been travelled for a hundred thousand years. That same pathway is open to you, is open to all of us. You and I must step off the lofty pedestal and put aside the petty cares of life. With helpful hands and earnest hearts lead these young people to a new life. Give them those sublime teachings which we have loved long since and lost awhile. We must learn to work on the level and on the square, that we may win the confidence and trust of all these boys and girls everywhere.

Those are the post war problems and plans which if you and I forget will mean ultimately the dissolution of Free-

masonry, save as an old men's club. I say to you it must be renewed, vigorous, manful and purposeful, so that we may have an answer to give to our critics, so that we may be definitely sold on its genius and so we may devote ourselves to the boys and girls of the world.

I thank you.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK L. EVERSON.

Great applause by the Brethren.

A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed by W. Bro. E. V. Chable who extended the sincere appreciation of everyone present.

Second Day

Thursday, June 7th, 1945.

Afternoon Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 2.45 p.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Samuel Burland, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AND GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Masonic Research and Education, begs to report as follows:

It is no more than fair, not only to the members of Grand Lodge, but to the members of this Committee, to preface this report with the comment that during the past few months the exigencies of his avocation have deprived the Committee of the services and the real inspiration of our chairman. Under his leadership an earnest endeavor was instituted early in the Grand Lodge year not only to stimulate masonic education in this Grand Jurisdiction, but to assist and co-operate with the constituent lodges and their members in widening their contacts with their fellow Masons and their fellowmen, and so to spread that cement of affection and brotherly love which binds us together, not as individuals, not as lodges, but as one great body for the preservation and the propagation of the cardinal virtues of brotherly love, relief and truth—probably the three things that the world of today needs most.

The masonic paper was already under way when your Committee took office, and after completing the canvass of the constituent Lodges, by letter, the project was launched and the

first issue of "Masonry in Manitoba" was published in January of this year under the authority of Grand Lodge. The venture started on a subscription basis. The Committee has since reached the conclusion that Grand Lodge would be well advised to bear the cost of sending this publication to every member of the Craft in the Province. Accordingly, the Committee has budgeted for the necessary funds in that behalf in the next masonic year.

Arrangements were made for degree teams to visit various lodges and confer the degrees. This idea appears to have distinct advantages. The officers of Brandon Lodge No. 19 visited Harmony Lodge No. 142 at Cardale on July 20th and the officers of Fort Garry Lodge No. 130 rendered a like service to Ophir Lodge No. 112 at Beausejour on October 6th.

Brethren were delegated to prepare suitable transcripts of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason Degrees in order that recent candidates for these degrees might better learn the lessons that they exemplify. This undertaking is still receiving attention and will undoubtedly bear fruit at an early date.

Mindful of the benefits derived from the area meetings, held during the previous year, your Committee made a survey of the situation in that regard and decided to encourage and promote a continuation of that type of meeting; the idea being to bring together the brethren in various localities, without regard to masonic districts. The Committee did not assume control of such meetings, but solicited the co-operation and assistance of the masters of key lodges, offered speakers and entertainers and assumed the major portion of the cost. Three such meetings were held, at Morris, at Souris, and at Neepawa. Your Committee takes this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation of the services rendered masonry by the brethren of the lodges in these centres. The success of these meetings seems to justify a considerable extension of this work, and your Committee has budgeted for a substantial amount in that behalf for the ensuing year.

The library has enjoyed another successful year and has rendered real service to the craft. The detailed report of the Grand Librarian will be submitted. Nothing more in that regard is necessary here, than to say that the brethren of this jurisdiction owe a real debt to M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, for his sympathetic and intelligent administration of the duties of librarian, and that this Committee owes him a like debt for his services as secretary during the past year. The Committee gratefully acknowledges its debt, and we are sure that the members of the craft do likewise as to theirs.

In closing may we report that during the past year your Committee has made a sincere effort to do some really con-

structive work within the scope of its jurisdiction, with what results time alone will tell. It is pioneer work, and it is easier said than done, but your Committee hope and feel that they have laid the foundation for a field of endeavor, that if pursued will redound to the benefit of our Masonic brethren in the Province of Manitoba.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. LAWRENCE,
Acting Chairman.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARIAN

To M.W. Brother W. D. Lawrence, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:

I beg to hand you the report of the Grand Librarian for the year ending March 31st, 1945, which I regret will be very brief, as I have been unable to attend the meetings.

The work has, however, been carried on most efficiently by the Librarian in charge, M.W. Brother Harry Woods.

We have again to thank those who have so kindly made donations to the Library during the past year.

The number of books distributed has been most satisfactory.

Fraternally submitted,

SGD.: C. E. SOMERSET,
Grand Librarian.

List showing books and other literature distributed from the Library during the Masonic Year, 1944-'45:

M.00	Encyclopedias, etc.	33
M.02	Societies, Transactions	4
M.10	History and Philosophy	133
M.11	Symbolism	171
M.12	Masonry & Citizenship	1
M.14	Rites, Degrees, Manuals	32
M.16	Biography	1
M.17	History, Geographical Divisions	22
M.19	General Works	2
M.20	Ceremonies, etc.	10
M.30	Jurisprudence, etc.	5
M.52	Art and Architecture	7
M.61	Short Talks, Essays, etc.	62
M.62	Magazines, bound	8
M.63	Poetry and Drama	2

M.66 Novels and Tales	86
Miscellaneous Non-Masonry	36
Proceedings	22
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Magazines	35
Clippings	4
Pamphlets	20
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Books donated to the Library during the Masonic Year 1944-'45:

33 Books on Masonic Subjects, donated by the following Brethren:

R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114	7
Bro. H. C. Grant, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114	1
Late Bro. F. Toon, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114	2
Bro. A. M. S. Ross, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114	7
W. Bro. E. S. Moorhead, Northern Light Lodge No. 10	1
W. Bro. A. P. Crossin, Northern Light Lodge No. 10	2
M.W. Bro. W. J. Major, Ionic Lodge No. 25	10
W. Bro. O. W. Couch, Swan Lake Lodge No. 109	1
M.W. Bro. W. Douglas, St. John's Lodge No. 4	1
V. W. Bro. W. P. White, St. John's Lodge No. 4	1
5 Books, Non-Masonic, donated by the following Brethren:	
W. Bro. R. F. Blandy, 2800 Sourass Drive, Oak Bay, Victoria, B. C.	1
Late Bro. R. Shaw, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3	3
Bro. G. Souch, St. John's Lodge No. 4	1

R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), moved that the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, including the Report on the Library, be received and adopted, seconded by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114). Carried.

REPORT ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address appointed by the Board of General Purposes report as follows:

The Grand Master gave unstintingly of his time and talents in the interests of Freemasonry, and his report of his various activities shows a record of faithful and devoted service.

He has been most zealous in the performance of his duties. He made many visitations both within and without his Jurisdiction. From personal knowledge, your Committee knows that each visit was productive of the desired end, viz: the strengthening of fraternal ties and the promulgation of the inspirational word for the advancement of Masonic ideals.

Your Committee learns with pleasure that there are many evidences that Lodges are catching the real vision of their mission in the Communities in which they serve and are striving to fulfil their obligations to God, their Country and their fellowmen by becoming mediums for service.

The Grand Master shows an intimate knowledge of conditions within his own Jurisdiction.

We commend most sincerely, the fitting references made by the Grand Master to the end of the terrible war in Europe. To use his own words, "Due to the courage and loyalty to ideals and a boundless love of right, liberty and justice," the enemy was defeated.

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again,
The eternal years of God are here,
But error wounded, wreathes in pain
And dies among her worshippers."

He makes fitting reference to the Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication held in Winnipeg on Sunday, June 3rd, in which a large assemblage gave thanks to Almighty God for Victory over our enemies and our renewed dedication to the great social virtues of Faith, Friendship and Freedom working in unison for purity of character and stability of society.

Fitting reference is made to the loss sustained by our Jurisdiction and neighboring Jurisdictions south of the International Boundary, by the passing of eminent brethren who had distinguished themselves in promoting goodwill and International amity.

It is pleasing to note that the Grand Master reports a strong upsurge of Masonic activity in every District.

We commend very highly the Grand Master's recommendation that the fullest possible support be given to the "Western Conference." This Conference serves an excellent purpose by pooling ideas for the orderly operation of Grand Lodges and, as far as possible, uniformity of procedure.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to a proposal to erect a new Temple as a Peace Memorial in honor of the Brethren who had given their lives in order that humanity might live. As this is only in the consultative stage, no further reference should be made here.

The Grand Master reports an added interest in the District Meetings as evidenced by the increased attendance and carefully arranged and well balanced program. He gives well-deserved praise to the District Deputy Grand Masters for their work and support throughout the year.

His attendance at Lodge Meetings is evidence of his interest in the Constituent Lodges and his kindly reference to the youth of most of the Initiates is a hopeful augury for the future of the Craft.

We heartily concur in the views expressed by the Grand Master as to the need for and value of our new publication. "Freemasonry in Manitoba."

It is pleasing to note that an important departure from the usual routine of Masonic gatherings is that of the "Regional Meetings." Three of these were held and were no doubt productive of much interest and benefit to those who attended.

The efforts of the Grand Master on behalf of the Benevolent Fund is to be highly commended, and the gift of \$1,000.00 to Masons of Malta no doubt meets with the hearty approbation of Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, your Committee feels that the M.W. the Grand Master shows a comprehensive knowledge of the great principles and ideals of Freemasonry, but he also shows an extensive knowledge of the affairs of Grand Lodge and its needs to make it a more effective agent for carrying out an application of these ideals.

We are deeply indebted to the Grand Master for his untiring efforts and the faithful and conscientious manner in which he fulfilled his trust.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE HUNTER,
Member of the Committee on
Grand Master's Address.

Moved by M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10), that this report be received and adopted. Carried.

COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Grand Secretary's annual report begs to summarize the same and emphasize some of its highlights

A serious perusal of the report, speaking generally, discloses that our Grand Secretary has complied with the provisions of section eighty of the Constitution respecting the duties of grand secretary in the matter of preparing his annual report. In order to prepare his report properly he must have discharged all the other functions of his office zealously and carefully. otherwise, the information necessary for the drafting of his report would not have been available.

The report reflects a complete picture of the status of membership in our jurisdiction both at the beginning and the end of the calendar year 1944. These figures were assembled and tabulated from the annual reports of our District Deputy Grand Masters. We note that much labor was involved in their preparation.

The passing of three of our illustrious past Grand Masters during the year has been suitably observed by the publication, in each case, of an "In Memoriam."

The acquisition of two new lodge halls would indicate that Masonry is progressing very favorably in Stonewall and Shoal Lake.

Over a hundred special dispensations were granted during the year. Notable among these were twenty-two applications for change in hour or date of regular meeting, and twenty-nine applications for attendance at divine service with regalia. The latter, we believe, is a step forward toward the advancement of Masonic influence in local communities and should be encouraged so that the sphere of Masonic influence might be enlarged.

The highlight of the report, of course, is the record of 617 initiates during 1944 as against 368 in the previous year, showing a net gain of 445 members during the year. We do not wish to emphasize the fact of an increase in membership so much, but rather the fact that Masonry is making a silent appeal to young men. In other words, the leaven of Masonry is spreading in all directions and it may well be that the publicising of the Principles of Freemasonry is beginning to bear fruit.

Your committee feels that it may well congratulate our Grand Secretary on the efficient manner in which he conducts the business of Grand Lodge office. The volume of correspondence necessary, for example, in the matter of arranging for courtesy degrees with other grand jurisdictions throughout Canada and other parts of the Commonwealth, has been very heavy. But the good accomplished in making it possible for young men in the armed forces to complete in one jurisdiction degrees initiated in another, has proven of inestimable value to our young soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Even with no allowance for his advanced years, our Grand Secretary has served this Grand Jurisdiction well and we heartily approve of this, his annual report.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID GRIFFITH,
Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. David Griffith (138), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by W. Bro. Fred. H. Blythe (93). Carried.

COMMITTEE ON WAR RELIEF

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Special Committee on War Relief, begs to report as follows:

The amount standing to the credit of the Masonic War Relief Fund at the last annual Communication of Grand Lodge, was \$12,247.07. Since that time the following donations have been received:

2nd Masonic District	\$47.82
5th Masonic District	37.40
Hamiota Lodge Number 84	15.00
"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114	5.00
Oriental Lodge Number 54	2.00
Harmony Lodge Number 142	2.00
Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134	5.00
Bank Interest earned up to and for Nov. 30th, 1944 ..	30.57
Increasing the balance to \$12,391.86.	

From this total must be deducted the sum of 200 pounds sterling, amounting in Canadian funds to \$894.66, which was sent to the Grand Lodge of Scotland to assist the Masonic Lodges in the Island of Malta, leaving a balance of \$11,497.20 remaining to the credit of the fund.

Your Committee has kept in touch with the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland during the past year, and will continue to do so, in order that when the time arrives for the re-establishment of the Masonic Lodges in Europe, assistance may be sent to them through the medium of these two Grand Lodges with as little delay as possible.

Fraternally submitted,

BEN C. PARKER,
Chairman of the Committee.

Presented by M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker (4), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102). Carried.

Grand Lodge of Scotland,

Freemasons' Hall,
96 George Street,
Edinburgh, Scotland.
January 30th, 1945.

J. H. G. Russell, Esq.,
Grand Secretary,
Masonic Temple,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir and R.W. Brother:

Lodge St. Andrew, Pawla, Malta, No. 966

I have received your letter of the 20th ult. and thank the members of your Grand Lodge most heartily for the generous gift of £200 to be applied towards the furnishings of the new Temple in Malta.

I shall make the necessary arrangements for the money being sent to Malta with instructions that the furnishings

bought with the money shall be designated and marked as being a gift from your Grand Lodge.

I am,

Yours fraternally,

W. KING GILLIES,

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Scotland,

Freemasons' Hall,
96 George Street,
Edinburgh, Scotland,
February 16th, 1945.

J. H. G. Russell, Esq.,
Grand Secretary,
Masonic Temple,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

I have had great pleasure in reporting your letter of the 20th of December to our Grand Committee and they desire me to express to you their profound appreciation of your splendid gift to the Lodge at Malta, which I am now transmitting with a copy of your letter. I am asking them to carry out your instructions and acknowledge receipt to me of the cheque for £200.

I can assure you that the Grand Committee are very proud of this generous gift towards one of the Daughter Lodges under the Scottish Constitution which has suffered so severely.

I am,

Yours fraternally,

W. KING GILLIES,

Grand Secretary.

Villa Gloria,
Ta-Xbiex,
Malta, "G.C.",
March 30th, 1945.

The Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir and R.W. Brother:

I have received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the handsome donation of £200 which your Grand Lodge has made towards the rebuilding of our Temple which was destroyed by enemy action.

On behalf of the brethren here, please accept and convey to your Grand Lodge our sincere and grateful thanks for your assistance to us, a token of brotherhood which we shall ever remember.

The donation will, as you desire, be earmarked for some special furnishings to be associated with your Grand Lodge. When a decision has been taken in the matter, I will let you know what has been selected. The present position is, that although the Temple has been rebuilt, furnishings are practically unprocurable and we carry on with a makeshift on the material side, but whenever further steps can be taken I will, as I have said, let you know to what your gift has been allocated.

I need not assure you that our brethren here will at all times extend a warm welcome to brethren of your Jurisdiction, and trust that it may not be long before we can translate our hope into action.

With sincere fraternal greetings from us all and again our warmest thanks, believe me.

Sincerely yours,
(Sir) M. H. MAXWALE ANDERSON,
Hon. Grand Warden,
Grand Lodge of Scotland.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.
Extract re the Amendments to the Constitution:

"Report of Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals."

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M.

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on
Jurisprudence and Appeals begs to report as follows:

Certain proposed amendments to the Constitution of Grand
Lodge were received for consideration by your Committee, and
your Committee finds that the proposed amendments have been
properly introduced in accordance with the Constitution to
Grand Lodge and are in order for presentation to Grand Lodge
and are within the powers of Grand Lodge under its Act of
Incorporation and amending Acts and its Constitution.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 74 of the Constitution be amended by adding
thereto as Sub-section (k) thereof, the following:

(k) Constitution and Revision.

That Section 75 of the Constitution be amended by
adding thereto as Sub-section (k) thereof, the following:

(k) Constitution and Revision.

To make a continuous study of the Constitution of
Grand Lodge, and from time to time, to recommend
revision thereof or amendments thereto, as the needs
therefor may arise.

Moved by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), seconded by
M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker (4), that the motion be adopted.
Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 90 of the Constitution, in the clause covering
Fees to Grand Lodge, be amended by adding, after the words
"One Dollar," the words "and Fifty Cents." Reading as follows:

"For every member not a life member on June 3rd,
1943, an Annual Fee of One Dollar and Fifty Cents
payable one half . . . etc."

Moved by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), seconded by R.W.
Bro. H. A. Innes (3), that the motion be adopted. Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 119 of the Constitution of Grand Lodge be amended by deleting the period after the word "degree" and adding the following thereto:

"Provided however, that, if authorized by its By-Laws, a Lodge may transact its business in either the Entered Apprentice or Master Mason Degree."

Moved by W. Bro. W. C. Graham (114), seconded by R.W. Bro. John Parton (114), that the motion be adopted. Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 229 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words "and a majority vote of the members present shall be sufficient to restore" occurring in the fourth and fifth lines, and the following substituted therefor:

"And the provisions with regard to the petition for initiation providing for a special Committee of Enquiry and for a vote by ballot shall be observed."

Moved by W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93), seconded by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), that the motion be adopted. Carried.

The following Notices of Motion were laid over from the last Grand Lodge Communication to the Communication to be held this June:

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 159 of the Constitution be amended by inserting immediately after the word "present" in the first line thereof, the words:

"Including the Tyler or Acting Tyler (if a member of the Lodge)."

Moved by R.W. Bro. M. E. MacKinnon (49), seconded by R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle (2), that the motion be adopted. Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 166, Sub-section (a) of the Constitution be repealed and that the following Sub-section be added immediately after Section 167:

"When a petition for Affiliation is based upon a Certificate of Standing or a Demit issued by a Lodge not under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,

the Special Committee of Enquiry provided for in Section 167 shall not make its report nor shall any ballot be taken on such petition for Affiliation, until such Demit or Certificate of Standing has been submitted to and been Approved by the Grand Secretary."

Moved by R.W. Bro. M. E. Mackinnon (49), seconded by R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle (2), that the motion be adopted. Carried.

The following Notices of Motion were laid on the table, to be considered by the Committee on Constitution Revision:

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 67 of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted in place thereof:

"It shall also prescribe standard forms of Petition for Initiation and Affiliation, which shall embody the following statement: 'I have read the Declaration of Principles and subscribe thereto without reservation.'"

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 164 and 169 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

After the word "Constitution" insert the following words:
"And Declaration of Principles."

The following Notice of Motion was lost:

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Section 163 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following Sub-section:

"No petitioner shall receive his Entered Apprentice Degree within 28 days after the ballot is taken, without a dispensation from the M.W. Grand Master."

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 5.00 p.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Samuel Burland, to reconvene at 8.00 o'clock in the evening for the closing Session.

Thursday, June 7th, 1945.

Evening Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and Distinguished Guests entered the Lodge Room, the brethren singing the processional hymn, "Lord of the Lands, beneath Thy bending skies."

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Samuel Burland at 8.00 p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report as follows:

There are 104 Chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register, 77 Lodges are represented by one or more of their three principal Officers, and 27 are unrepresented, namely:

King Solomon Lodge No. 8	Elgin Lodge No. 86
Brandon Lodge No. 19	Midlothian Lodge No. 90
Manitou Lodge No. 30	Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92
Birtle Lodge No. 39	Binscarth Lodge No. 101
East Star Lodge No. 55	Minota Lodge No. 102
Russell Lodge No. 62	Union Lodge No. 108
Composite Lodge No. 64	Swan Lake Lodge No. 109
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74	Kilwinning Lodge No. 110
Hamiota Lodge No. 84	Rivers Lodge No. 115

Roblin Lodge No. 122	Sprague Lodge No. 132
The Pas Lodge No. 124	Harmony Lodge No. 142
Favel Lodge No. 126	Jubilee Lodge No. 147
Victory Lodge No. 128	Cartwright Lodge No. 150
Shellmouth Lodge No. 129	

Ninety-nine Lodges have one or more Past Masters present, and five Lodges have neither Past Master nor Officer present, namely:

Russell Lodge No. 62	Victory Lodge No. 128
Binscarth Lodge No. 101	Shellmouth Lodge No. 129
	Harmony Lodge No. 142

There were present:

Past Masters	446
Worshipful Masters	64
Senior Wardens	45
Junior Wardens	41
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	596

Registered:

Master Masons	69
Visitors	8
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	77
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	673

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER C. McDONALD,
Chairman.

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total Vote
1	Prince Rupert's	1	1		9	11
2	Lisgar	1		1	6	8
3	Ancient Landmark	1	1	1	10	13
4	St. John's	1	1	1	18	21
6	Emerson		1	1	8	19
7	Assiniboine	1			4	5
8	King Solomon				4	4
10	Northern Light	1	1		11	13
11	Gladstone	1			6	7
12	Stonewall	1	1	1	7	10
13	Morden	1			7	8
14	Prince of Wales	1			1	2
15	Corinthian	1			1	2
19	Brandon				1	1
24	Neepawa	1	1		8	10
25	Ionic	1	1	1	20	23
27	Glenwood	1			4	5
29	Carberry	1	1		3	5
30	Manitou				1	1
36	Doric	1			2	3
39	Birtle				1	1
40	Deloraine	1			1	2
43	Lebanon	1			1	2
44	Oak Lake			1	1	2
48	Glenboro	1			1	2
49	Temple	1	1	1	8	11
50	Killarney	1			1	2
51	Treherne		1		1	2
52	Hartney	1		1	2	4
54	Oriental	1			3	4
55	East Star				4	4
62	Russell				3	4
63	Holland			1	6	6
64	Composite				4	7
67	Wawanesta	1	1	1	2	5
68	Vermillion	1	1	1	11	14
70	Shiloh	1	1	1	3	4
71	Crystal		1		1	1
74	Elkhorn				2	2
75	Gothic	1	1		5	7
77	Napinka	1		1	3	4
82	Cypress	1			2	2
84	Hamiota				2	2
86	Elgin				2	2
87	Rathwell	1			1	2
90	Midlothian				4	4
92	Shoal Lake				3	3
93	King Edward		1	1	17	19
94	Hiram	1	1		1	3
100	Robbie Burns	1			1	2
101	Binscarth				5	5
102	Minota					

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total Vote
103	Crescent	1	1	1	4	7
104	Reston	1	1	1	8	11
105	Prince Arthur	1	1		1	3
106	Strathclair	1	1		2	4
107	Lansdowne	1	1		4	6
108	Union				2	2
109	Swan Lake				1	1
110	Kilwinning				1	1
111	Acacia	1	1	1	7	10
112	Ophir	1				1
113	Tweed	1			6	7
114	"The Assiniboine"	1	1	1	12	15
115	Rivers				1	1
116	St. Andrew's	1		1	5	7
117	Strathcona	1	1		4	6
118	Mound		1	1	2	4
119	Norwood	1		1	14	16
120	Penza			1	6	7
121	St. James	1	1	1	5	8
122	Roblin				4	4
123	Transcona	1	1	1	1	4
124	The Pas				1	1
125	Patricia	1			3	4
126	Favel				1	1
127	Empire	1	1	1	7	10
128	Victory					
129	Shellmouth					
130	Fort Garry	1	1	1	11	14
131	Kildonan	1	1	1	6	9
132	Sprague				2	2
133	McCreary			1	3	4
134	Stony Mountain	1	1		2	4
136	Capitol	1		1	9	11
137	Lord Selkirk	1	1	1	6	9
138	Windsor		1		5	6
139	Beaver	1	1	1	5	8
140	Meridian	1	1	1	9	12
141	Tuscan		1	1	4	6
142	Harmony					
143	Mt. Sinai	1	1	1	14	17
144	Fort Osborne	1	1	1	3	6
145	Sturgeon Creek	1	1		5	7
146	Fidelity		1	1	7	9
147	Jubilee				1	1
148	Seven Oaks	1			6	7
150	Cartwright				1	1
151	The Dormer	1	1	1	8	11
152	Foxwarren		1			1
153	Flin Flon	1				1
154	Pine Falls	1	1	1	3	6
155	Carman	1		1	4	6
156	Manitouwapa	1		1	1	3
Totals		64	45	41	446	596

On motion of R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant (3), the report of the Committee on Credentials was received and adopted.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR MEDALS

To, Bro. E. Loftus (7), by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker.

To, R.W. Bro. W. A. Piper (132), by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods.

Both these medals were presented by the M.W. Brethren on behalf of the M.W. Grand Master, Samuel Burland.

RESOLUTION RE HONORARY RANK

by M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140).

WHEREAS the real strength of Freemasonry lies not alone in its fundamental principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, but in the universality of the order.

AND WHEREAS such universality is attained only by friendly and sympathetic contacts between mason and mason, and lodge and lodge, and above all by such contacts between Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge.

AND WHEREAS the relations that obtain between the various grand jurisdictions on either side of the border line throughout the whole of this great mid-west, have always been and still are of a most happy, congenial and beneficial character.

AND WHEREAS this Grand Lodge has the Constitutional power and the earnest desire to express its deep appreciation of that condition in a tangible manner.

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA A.F. & A.M. do hereby confer upon each of the following MOST WORSHIPFUL

BRETHREN the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master—

M.W. BRO. GEORGE MOORE
M.W. BRO. GEORGE F. ELLIS
M.W. BRO. SAMUEL HARRIS

all Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
and

M.W. BRO. WILLIAM F. HOLMAN

the present Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota,
and upon

R.W. BRO. R. A. TATE,

the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan,
the rank of Honorary Deputy Grand Master,

and that the proper certificates in that behalf be issued
forthwith.

Approved by Grand Lodge.

LETTERS TO SICK MEMBERS OF GRAND LODGE

Moved by R.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), that letters
be sent to all members of Grand Lodge who are laid aside
through illness. This motion was seconded by R.W. Bro. H.
B. Wallace (6), Grand Chaplain. Carried.

Selection by the Shrine Chanters.

ADDRESS BY M.W. BRO. KARL J. MOHR, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, and you, my brethren, the distinguished representatives of the Ancient Craft
in the Province of Manitoba:

I acknowledge the great honor of appearing before you
this evening and the privilege of conveying my thanks for
the kindly greetings and winsome introduction accorded me
in this room last evening. My first duty and responsibility,

as the emissary of the Grand Master of Illinois, is to tender you, not formal and polite words of greeting from one grand jurisdiction to another, but the warm, deep, and sincere fraternal best wishes from the person of my Grand Master and his constituent two hundred thousand Master Masons. I wish to pay homage to the rich and splendid Masonic spirit and enterprise that I find so evident here in Manitoba, and may my humble presence here before you this evening also serve the purpose of returning the friendly call you made on us at the celebration of our centennial in 1940. At that time we were honored with the presence of your distinguished Past Grand Masters, Brother John T. Boyd and Brother William Douglas, and, I might add, a very happy representation it was.

I stand before you tonight very humbly indeed, as I realize that only last evening you were regaled with the elegant address of your own Grand Master, who packed into thirty-five minutes a scholarly address covering years of events in Manitoba. I start haltingly in my efforts to combine my thoughts on the subject of Freemasonry so dear to our hearts. I am going back to the presentation of the First degree. The Worshipful Master stepped down upon the floor of his Lodge, as a symbol of the enduring equality of membership and then presented to the candidate Masonry's first gift to its brethren, in my opinion the most precious that can ever be bestowed upon a member of our institution, and as he tendered him the lambskin or white leather apron he pronounced it "an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason, more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, more honorable than the Star and Garter, or any other order that can be conferred upon you at this time or any future period." As these words resounded in all the magic beauty of our ritual, for the new brother, there was rolled back the sable curtains of the past, and unfolded before him, by implication, the whole story of Man and the intimate relationship between his greatness and this Fraternity.

Let me present to you two great personalities from my state which exemplify my meaning. The one came from

Vermont, the only state in the Union that cast its electoral vote for an "anti-Masonic" candidate. He was Stephen A. Douglas, the first Grand Orator of our Grand Lodge, a man who rose by sheer ability and personal magnetism to the highest position of statesmanship, a man who had never tasted defeat. The other, the Grand Emancipator, came to Illinois from Kentucky, and until 1860 had never known the pleasure of victory. Then these two men crossed swords and the man who had never known defeat experienced it for the first time, and the man who had never known victory became President of the United States. There followed the terrible war between the States, inaugurated with the thought that Douglas, with his tremendous following, would be a knife in the back to the North. But as the seceding South shelled Fort Sumter, Douglas, exemplifying the finest of our teaching, tendered to his late antagonist the solid support of his party in the North, sealed the doom of the southern states, and as much as any one man, decreed that ours would be one nation, indivisible forever. Let us pause in humble tribute to a great man of our Fraternity. May his action be an inspiration to us today.

A year ago in February it was my privilege, at the Grand Master's Conference in Washington, to share in a banquet graced by two great Masons leading the armed forces of the United States. General George Marshall and Admiral Ernest J. King. From their presence I carried away the impression that we can be satisfied with the leaders of our armed forces, that these men place the highest value possible on the lives of the men they command and that we can rest assured that their lives are not sacrificed in vain. Then, of course, you gentlemen share with me the appreciation of the fact that for the second time in the history of my country, there presides as its chief executive, a Past Grand Master of Masons. Truly, our legacy may be summed up in the French words "Noblesse Oblige," the obligation of nobility.

Like a golden thread that rises through the pattern on the loom; like a stirring theme that carries through a mast-

erful symphony; like the architect's magic line that carries the eye past the slender spires of a great cathedral; such is the history of Freemasonry in those countries that have fostered and cherished its existence. Standing as it does for the inalienable rights of the individual as opposed to the state, it comes as no surprise to you and me that the first objective of the totalitarian dictator has been the annihilation, so far as possible, of all signs of our institution. We are not concerned with this objective which is only a repetition of history. We are concerned with the method by which it was attempted during this war, and the grievous days that preceded it. The dictator this time was not content with closing down; he attempted utter obliteration. We have even experienced that before, but never in the spirit of contempt and degradation which accompanied their actions this time.

Mussolini used the harsh arm of total destruction, driving our brethren from every possible position of trust and honor. Hitler was not content to close the great Masonic cathedrals; he ordered them turned into museums for the exhibition of the implements of our profession, as he thought, for the laughter of the world. The puppet Franco of Spain was not satisfied to shoot down our brethren in cold blood solely because of their allegiance, but they first had to be clothed in the full regalia of the Order, that the desecration might be complete, and the world taught the full fury and contempt of our enemies. When Hirohito's sadistic hordes thronged into Manila and took possession of the massive and magnificent Masonic Temple built by the Grand Lodge of the Phillipines, they could find no normal use for it that might strike the imagination of the world and be a tribute to decency, but it was desecrated by being converted into a Japanese war brothel, housing ten thousand prostituted girls from the homeland. Contempt, desecration, degradation, have been poured out by the dictators in full measure, in a futile attempt to presage our prostration and extinction; their actions have only proved to free men and women throughout the world that their contempt and cruelty were concealing an inward fear and

abiding sense of inferiority. Truly the legacy of Noblesse Oblige is the privilege of our membership.

Such savage attacks found Freemasonry slumped in a stupor of smugness and complacency. In my opinion these same attacks have aroused us to a sense of obligation and a realization of duty. Now we are offering to the world, under the proud banner of Freemasonry, activities that would earn commendation from the great figures who have marched through our past. For instance, I considered it a privilege to present to my Grand Lodge two years ago, and secure from that body, unanimous approval of the abolition of physical qualifications as a condition precedent to Masonic membership. To some this came as a shock, but to us in Illinois it seemed that out of the twelve million young men serving in the cause of freedom, there are hundreds and thousands who have the right to look on potential Masonic membership as their rightful legacy in life. Some of these boys have come back, but they can never exchange a grip, because they left a hand in North Africa. Others will never be able to approach the East in our prescribed fashion; they left a leg on Iwo Jima. Others may be invited to partake of Light, but they cannot do so physically; a treacherous Japanese attack robbed them of their greatest sense. Should our Order be denied to these heroes? We determined that we could not stand on the curb and share their triumphal return, and then sneak around the corner and slam the doors of our Lodge in their faces. Henceforth, in Illinois, internal qualifications will serve as the only criterion of eligibility.

In all humility, because we realize how tiny any civilian effort can be, let me tell you about seven Masonic Service Centers opened three years ago and operated and maintained solely by the Masons of my state. Since then our hospitality has been extended to over a million boys in uniform, regardless of their walk in life, their religion, and irrespective of membership in our Fraternity. They have been our guests, not as Masons, but as Americans. Their badge of admission was the uniform of the country they

served. In our files today some of the most appreciative letters of acknowledgment are from boys who had been taught from childhood to hate or ignore us. We have found our common bond in our joint membership in the greatest Fraternity of all, Our Country.

These Masonic Service Centers offer to the boy in uniform the usual advantages of fun, freedom, relaxation and companionship. Because we were serving humanity we found that our service could not stop here. Consequently, behind the scenes there has flowed another course of life, so rich in emotion, so beautiful in its exemplification of Brotherly Love, that it has written in warm glow another throbbing page of Masonic history.

Let me illustrate: One day there came into our Chicago center a little, white-haired lady. Her boy had just been returned from the South Pacific to an Army Hospital in California. He had been cruelly and grievously wounded. This was her problem: Her husband's death had thrown upon her the burden of keeping the family circle intact. With an intrepid and indomitable courage she had performed this miracle. One contributing factor to her success in keeping the family closely knit had been the celebration of all fete days, particularly birthdays. On this day her son was nineteen. The family custom was to celebrate with a lighted cake. This she wanted for her boy in California, to remind him of a Mother's love and to act as a prayer for his recovery. No agency would undertake it. It was too trifling a job. Your Masonic brethren did it for her. A long distance telephone call ensued to a Brother Mason in California. At 5.00 o'clock that evening there was wheeled into the wounded soldier a beautiful birthday cake. He was too weak to cut it, but not too weak to ask to have it cut and distributed to his buddies.

This is a simple story to relate to this congregation, but it hasn't ended. Three weeks later there came a letter from the Commandant of the Hospital, and these men don't have much time for writing letters. He said that for weeks medical science had poured out all its treasures for this wounded

American boy, but it began to look as if science didn't have enough riches to save him. Then came the birthday cake, and, miraculously, from some hidden source, as yet untouched by medical science, there came that priceless ingredient, the will and courage to live. And now, fully recovered, he had a request to make. It wasn't for any promotion, decoration, or even furlough, although the last three he received; his only request was to be sent back to the South Pacific to stay until the job was ended. The story is simple, but truly it furnishes the hidden source to the reason why America will inevitably win the war.

Today twelve million of our finest young American men are marching with implacable tread toward Tokyo. They are as implacable as only free people can be when thoroughly aroused. They, and their allies, including those splendid fighting men from your Dominion, are thoroughly determined that the brown men of Asia must be brought to their knees for all time, stripped of the polish and veneer of pretended civilization, and taught that there is a Brotherhood of Man upon which they cannot thrust their will by force.

And now, as I prepare to leave you, having in mind those days that confront us, many of which must be dark and troubrous, having in mind the anxiety they must hold, let me leave with you, as our solace, and inspiration, and our challenge, a few words pronounced by the first citizen of my state. In 1863 he stood on a platform erected above the bloodiest battlefield of my country. He followed a brilliant orator who had spoken eloquently for several hours. He arose to pronounce in several minutes what I consider a benediction to the program. What he said then came from a great, warm, human heart, and stands today as the beacon light of liberty loving people. I give his words to you as our prayer for the future. With eyes fixed on the horizon of the ages, and, as I shall always fondly claim, the hand of God on his shoulder, Lincoln spoke to all posterity: "Let us here be dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devo-

tion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; let us here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

For your most gracious attention I am very appreciative. Thank you, and good-night.

Prolonged Applause.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland thanked M.W. Bro. Mohr for his earnest and practical address.

Selection by the Shrine Chanters.

REPORT OF SCRUTINEERS ON ELECTION, 1945-46.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Your Board of Scrutineers, appointed to conduct the Annual Election of Officers and eight members to the Board of General Purposes for a term of two years, also District Deputy Grand Masters for the several Masonic Districts, make report as follows:

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER the name of Peter T. Pilkey was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER the name of Maurice S. Donovan was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN the name of H. B. Donnelly was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN four names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

A. K. Cates
Jas. D. Harrower
J. Ferguson Irwin
Walter C. McDonald

The number of ballots cast was 584 of which 582 were valid. (2 were spoiled.) The necessary quota to elect was 292. Bro. McDonald received the necessary number to elect.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER the name of Alexander Burgess was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY the name of J. H. G. Russell was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CHAPLAIN the name of H. B. Wallace was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND HISTORIAN the name of William Douglas was the only one submitted for nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

Hugh A. Innes
R. C. Scanes

The number of ballots cast was 584 of which 577 were valid. (7 were spoiled.) The necessary quota to elect was 289. Bro. Innes received the quota.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LIBRARIAN the name of Chas. E. Somerset was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES twenty-one names were submitted for eight vacancies (two year term) i.e.:

Fred H. Blythe	Geo. E. Miles
Harry Coddington	R. M. Muckle
A. J. Christie	C. A. Midwinter
A. E. Duff	G. A. McMorran
H. A. Good	Wm. Paterson
S. Hart Green	S. W. Robertson
J. C. Grant	S. J. Sametz
K. R. Kennedy	S. M. Stephens
Dave MacKay	A. H. Steventon
Wm. McLellan	Les. C. Welsh
W. J. McGregor	

The number of ballots cast was 584 of which 577 were valid. (7 were spoiled.) The necessary quota to elect was 65. The following named brethren received the required quota or an equivalent: to elect

1. Fred H. Blythe	5. W. J. McGregor
2. H. Coddington	6. D. MacKay
3. S. Hart Green	7. G. A. McMorran
4. K. R. Kennedy	8. C. A. Midwinter

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

First Masonic District the name of James Wardrobe was the only one submitted in nomination.

Second Masonic District the name of Jas. Mathewson was the only one submitted in nomination.

Third Masonic District the name of Wm. Young was the only one submitted in nomination.

Fourth Masonic District the name of Murdo Maclean was the only one submitted in nomination.

Fifth Masonic District the name of Thomas W. Offen was the only one submitted in nomination.

Sixth Masonic District two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

John Cuthill
Frank S. Guthrie

The number of ballots cast was 35 of which 34 were valid. (1 was spoiled.) The necessary quota to elect was 18. Bro. Cuthill received the necessary quota to elect.

Seventh Masonic District the name of J. C. Lundy was the only one submitted in nomination.

Eighth Masonic District the name of A. J. Sawatzky was the only one submitted in nomination.

Ninth Masonic District the name of Geo. W. Russenholt was the only one submitted in nomination.

Tenth Masonic District the name of R. W. Ross was the only one submitted in nomination.

Twelfth Masonic District the name of George P. Fairbairn was the only one submitted in nomination.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), who moved that the report be received and adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie (140). Carried.

APPRECIATION

The following resolution of thanks and appreciation was adopted by Grand Lodge:

"To the Shrine Chanters, who rendered several numbers on Thursday evening, June 7th, under the direction of Bro. A. Gill." These were very much enjoyed by the brethren.

"To the music leadership of V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon, the Grand Organist." We were pleased that he has regained his health and was able to carry out his duties.

"To the management and staff of the Royal Alexandra Hotel for the fine arrangements made for our Grand Lodge Sessions, and the kind attention and assistance we always receive."

"And last but not least, to all those who assisted in carrying out the Sessions and Meetings of Grand Lodge."

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

Our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland (12), called on M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (140), to assume the gavel and install the Officers of Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (140), called on R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer (10), as Grand Director of Ceremonies, to assist him.

The following Grand Lodge Officers, Elected and Appointed, were duly installed in office, except the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Historian, Grand Librarian and Grand Organist, who were re-elected to their respective Grand Lodge Offices:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED
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Senior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. R. T. Bell (25)	Winnipeg
Junior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. John B. Day (122)	Roblin
Senior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. T. L. Dodsworth (4)	Winnipeg
Junior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. Russell J. Timms (43)	Virden
Grand Organist	V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon (130)	Winnipeg
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6th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. John Cuthill (104)	Reston
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9th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. G.W. Russenholt (126)	Minitonias
10th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. R. W. Ross (151)	East Kildonan
12th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn (130)	Winnipeg

PRESENTATIONS

M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, retiring Grand Master, presented M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, Grand Master Elect, with a Grand Master's Collar, Jewel and Apron on behalf of Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, in accepting the Regalia, expressed his thanks and appreciation for the gift, and to the members of Grand Lodge for the honor they had conferred on him in electing him to occupy the Grand East, and dedicated himself to the Service of the Craft.

M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey presented a Past Grand Master's Jewel to M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, retiring Grand Master, on behalf of Grand Lodge, to which he replied in a very appropriate manner.

Most Worshipful Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, Grand Master Elect, thanked the Grand Installing Officer, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (140) and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer (10), for the fine exemplification of the Installation Ceremony.

The newly installed Grand Master called on R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), the new Junior Grand Warden, to address the brethren on behalf of the newly elected Grand Lodge Officers, and V.W. Bro. J. B. Day (122), new Junior Grand Deacon, to speak on behalf of the newly appointed Grand Lodge Officers.

R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky (8), D.D.G.M. of the Eighth Masonic District, was called on to bring the greetings of the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters.

True to form, and as was to be expected, these brethren responded to the request of the Grand Master, and assured him of their loyal support and assistance during the coming year.

A resolution of thanks to R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer (10) for performing the duties of Grand Director of Ceremonies was moved by W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), and carried.

CLOSING HYMN

“All Praise to Thee, my God, this Night.”

The business of the Seventieth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba, having been completed, the Most Worshipful Grand Master closed it in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, at 11.25 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,

J.W.T. Russell
Grand Secretary.



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8th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky (8)	Morris
9th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. G. W. Russenholt (126)	Minitonas
10th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. R. W. Ross (151)	East Kildonan
12th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn (130)	Winnipeg

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

PRESIDENT

R.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan (113), Deputy
Grand Master

Brandon

VICE-PRESIDENT

R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138) Senior Grand Warden .. St. Vital

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (10), Past Grand Master .. Edmonton
M.W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), Past Grand Master .. Vancouver
M.W. Bro. H. E. Bletcher (1), Past Grand Master .. Winnipeg

M.W. Bro. E. T. Greenway (71), Past Grand Master	Crystal City
M.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (19), Past Grand Master	Norwood
M.W. Bro. Justice W. J. Major (55), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Jas. S. MacEwing (51), Past Grand Master	Treherne
M.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller (25), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. William Douglas (4), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Norman J. Black (3), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. David S. Woods (90), Past Grand Master	St. Vital
M.W. Bro. James Mackie (4), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Geo. N. Weir (No. 60 G.R.S.), Hon. P.G.M.	Victoria
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (130), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Robert Hawkins (68), Past Grand Master	Dauphin
M.W. Bro. Wm. D. Lawrence (25), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102), Past Grand Master	Shoal Lake
M.W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon G. R. Calvert (1), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Judge Stanley H. Fahrni (11), Past Grand Master	Portage la Prairie
M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker (4), Past Grand Master	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland (12), Past Grand Master	St. Vital
M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter T. Pilkey (25), Grand Master	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), Junior Grand Warden	Roland
R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), Grand Treasurer	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), Grand Secretary	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Rev. H. B. Wallace (6), Grand Chaplain	Emerson
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3), G.D. of Ceremonies	Winnipeg
W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), Honorary Member	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. T. A. Argue (55), Honorary Member	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr (113), Honorary Member	Brandon
R.W. Bro. Rev. C. E. Somerset (2), Honorary Member	Selkirk
R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope (127), D.D.G.M. 1st Mas. Dist.	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Jas. Mathewson (24), D.D.G.M. 2nd Mas. Dist.	Neepawa
R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Young (82), D.D.G.M. 3rd Mas. Dist.	Greenway
R.W. Bro. Murdo Maclean (13), D.D.G.M. 4th Mas. Dist.	Morden
R.W. Bro. Thos. W. Offen (115), D.D.G.M. 5th Mas. Dist.	Rivers
R.W. Bro. John Cuthill (104), D.D.G.M. 6th Mas. Dist.	Reston
R.W. Bro. J. C. Lundy (64), D.D.G.M. 7th Mas. Dist.	Alexander
R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky (8), D.D.G.M. 8th Mas. District	Morris
R.W. Bro. G. W. Russenholt (126), D.D.G.M. 9th Masonic District	Minitonas
R.W. Bro. R. W. Ross (151), D.D.G.M. 10th Mas. Dist.	E. Kildonan
R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn (130), D.D.G.M. 12th Masonic District	Winnipeg

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE IN 1944

For a Two-Year Term

W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24)	Neepawa
R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters (25)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Dr. O. S. Ross (43)	Virden
R.W. Bro. John C. Bate (50)	Killarney
W. Bro. Robt. E. Emmett (121)	St. James
R.W. Bro. David Griffith (138)	St. Vital
R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie (140)	Winnipeg
W. Bro. A. E. Longstaffe (151)	Winnipeg

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE IN 1945

For a Two-Year Term

R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy (4)	Winnipeg
W. Bro. W. J. McGregor (11)	Gladstone
R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran (27)	Souris
W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter (111)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Dave MacKay (140)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green (143)	Winnipeg

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD
OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The center name in the first line is Chairman of the Committee, 1945-46.

JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green

M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence	R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy	W. Bro. A. E. Longstaffe

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence

M.W. Bro. S. Burland	M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt	R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas	R.W. Bro. D. Griffith
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods	R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes
W. Bro. A. E. Boyle	

CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe

M.W. Bro. Geo. Hunter	R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate
M.W. Bro. S. Burland	R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters
M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker	R.W. Bro. Rev. H. B. Wallace
R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran	R.W. Bro. O. S. Ross
R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald	W. Bro. R. E. Emmett
	W. Bro. W. J. McGregor

FOREIGN RELATIONS

M.W. Bro. N. J. Black

M.W. Bro. H. E. Bletcher	R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green
M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson	W. Bro. J. F. Irwin

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni

M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert	M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods
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GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

R.W. Bro. G. A. McMorran

R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate	R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
	W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe

FRATERNAL DEAD

M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson

R.W. Bro. O. S. Ross	R.W. Bro. D. MacKay
	W. Bro. A. E. Boyle

CORRESPONDENCE

R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr

FINANCE

R.W. Bro. H. Coddington

M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt	R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes
R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess	W. Bro. A. E. Longstaffe

BENEVOLENCE

M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd

M.W. Bro. W. J. Major	M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
M.W. Bro. Geo. Hunter	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
	R.W. Bro. H. Mackenzie

INVESTMENTS

M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt

M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd	R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess
M.W. Bro. W. J. Major	W. Bro. R. E. Emmett

CREDENTIALS AND ELECTION

R.W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie

R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr	R.W. Bro. D. MacKay
R.W. Bro. T. A. Argue	R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate
	W. Bro. W. J. McGregor

RECEPTION AND ARRANGEMENTS

M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas	M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods	M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence

CONSTITUTION REVISION

M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker

M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt	R.W. Bro. K. R. Kennedy
R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green	R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
	W. Bro. A. E. Boyle

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WAR EFFORT

M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker

M.W. Bro. Sam Burland	R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas	R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

It is my privilege to present the annual report on the condition of Freemasonry in the First Masonic District for the year 1944-5.

The manner in which the various Lodges are conducting their activities is generally satisfactory and the financial statements show gratifying results. One might almost assume that there was a spirit of friendly rivalry, or competition among the Lodges in providing interesting programmes for their meetings. Many of them continue to hold special functions such as Past Masters, Canadian Night, Manitoba Night, Military Night, Empire Night and Community Night. All of these help to maintain Lodge morale and for that reason alone, they are most commendable.

It is encouraging to note that the War Services Committees in the various Lodges have continued their fine record of achievement during the year. They have always borne in mind the great obligation we owe to our Brethren and to the Sons and Daughters on active service and have done their full part in contributing to the welfare and comfort of the brave men and women who are so far from their homes. The patriotic spirit and sense of appreciation have been further manifested by Memorial or Thanksgiving Services which are always impressive and most suitable.

The District Meeting on November 30, 1944, showed conclusively that the interest in the Craft was being well maintained. There was a very good attendance, in spite of the fact that many other important functions were being held on that date. It is scarcely necessary Most Worshipful Sir, to tell you again that your inspiring address was deeply appreciated. Another feature, introduced for the first time, was a panel discussion conducted by W. Bro. R. F. Argue, Master of Ionic Lodge No. 25, W. Bro. T. H. Rhodes, Master of King Edward Lodge No. 93 and W. Bro. J. F. T. Young, Past Master of "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114. All of them spoke frankly about Lodge problems and suggested practical solutions for them. Their submissions and the discussion which followed furnished material of real value to those of us whose concern is the steady advancement of the Craft in this Jurisdiction.

From the personal standpoint I must accord a prominent place in the year's activities to the satisfaction I derived from my official visits to the (11) Lodges in the District. As your representative I was received, of course, with the utmost enthusiasm and I am pleased to convey to you the assurances of loyalty and respect for yourself, expressed by all the Sitting Masters of the various Lodges. I noted a keen interest in the work of Grand Lodge and a desire to co-operate fully in every movement for promoting the welfare and usefulness of the Craft. I also made many unofficial visits, usually to witness the conferring of degrees. It is with genuine pride that I report a highly gratifying state of affairs with regard to this branch of our work.

The desire for Masonic knowledge and instruction seems to be increasing in most of the Lodges. Some of them, where study groups have been established, are making remarkable strides in imparting useful information, especially to new members, and this movement deserves every encouragement. A notable step forward has been taken by the Past Masters' Association of Greater Winnipeg, in instituting a Masonic Forum. Although only a few meetings of this group have been held, wide interest has been created, and new opportunities are being provided for research and instruction. Another feature of the forward movement has been the publication of the new Grand Lodge paper, "Masonry in Manitoba." The Brethren are gathering from this little journal a vast amount of useful information about the work of the Craft in our Jurisdiction and it is obvious that it is serving a real need.

One of the privileges which I have enjoyed has been that of membership on the Board of General Purposes, and its Committees on Masonic Research and Education and Condition of Freemasonry. This experience has given me a new appreciation of Grand Lodge and its many accomplishments. It was particularly gratifying to participate in the conference of District Deputy Grand Masters held at Winnipeg last Fall, when so many problems connected with our work were analyzed and discussed.

The experience of the past year has enabled me to form certain conclusions regarding the Lodges in the First Masonic District and I take the liberty of setting out some of these for your consideration.

"A" There is a steady increase in the number of petitions for initiation and for affiliation. Even an increase in number of suspended members who seek re-instatement is to be noted. On the surface this is desirable, but it

may have also some unfavorable possibilities. Mere numbers in themselves, in an institution like ours, may be a sign of weakness instead of strength. There should be no definite relationship between Freemasonry and material prosperity and the only way to avoid potential danger is to make sure that our portals are guarded rigidly. Some consideration, I believe, should be given to the advisability of impressing all the Lodges with the real value of investigating committees. We must be sure that nothing is taken for granted and that every petitioner measures up to the standard, which is essential to the continued welfare of the Craft.

"B" There is a tendency in nearly every Lodge to crowd too much material into the programmes for a particular evening. The programmes provided have much to commend them, especially with regard to their educational and entertainment features. It is admitted on every hand, however, that most of the regular meetings are too long. The remedy may be difficult to apply, but it would be encouraging if the present Masters and their immediate successors would set themselves definitely against the continuation of the present situation.

"C" The success achieved by the War Services Committees in the various Lodges leads me to believe that an even greater field of usefulness is open to us in this connection, now that complete Victory in Europe has been attained. A closer alliance between these committees and the War Services Committee of Grand Lodge should be established to deal with the vast problems of reconstruction. Hundreds of our gallant members will be returning within the next few months and we should do our full duty by them. While it is not feasible to set out in detail now what may be done, we must admit there is much to be done. The problem needs only to be stated in order to be fully understood.

"D" Further assistance and encouragement should be given to Study Groups, Masonic Forum and all other organizations of the same type, in order to increase the volume of knowledge available to the Brethren as a whole. Too much praise cannot be given to M. W. Bro. Harry Woods, Librarian, for his outstanding labors in connection with the Grand Lodge Library. It is, in my opinion, unfortunate that so few of our members take advantage of the opportunities provided so generously by M. W. Bro. Woods.

"E" The problems facing every Lodge in the District are so similar that these should be considered in detail at conferences of Masters from time to time. I would suggest that one of these conferences be held late in August and that the Senior Wardens should be invited to attend and participate. Another conference of Masters should be held in February and at this meeting the immediate Past Masters should be invited to participate.

"F" So much benefit accrued from the conference of District Deputy Grand Masters in November, 1944, that I am of the opinion this conference should be repeated every year.

In conclusion, permit me to make the following acknowledgments:

To the Brethren of the First Masonic District, for the kindness and goodwill they manifested by choosing me as your representative for the year.

To yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, for the compliment you paid me by confirming that choice and for the assistance and support which you gave to me so freely. The privilege of intimate association with yourself as Grand Master will long remain one of my happy memories.

To the District Officers: W. Bro. T. C. Jackson, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, as Secretary; V. W. Bro. W. P. White, St. John's Lodge No. 4, as Treasurer, and W. Bro. O. W. Crowther, Empire Lodge No. 127, as Chaplain. All these Brethren gave of their best to promote the welfare of the Craft in general and of the District in particular during the year. To them I tender my most sincere thanks and gratitude.

To R. W. Bro. F. N. Baxter, King Edward Lodge No. 93, Immediate Past District Deputy Grand Master, who accompanied me on many of my visits and who was untiring in his efforts to assist me, I also express my most sincere thanks. The same sentiment applies to our good friend W. Bro. A. E. Boyle, whose loyalty and support was most encouraging during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

H. A. INNES,
D.D.G.M., First Masonic District.

May 12th, 1945.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

It is my privilege and pleasure as your representative, to present the Official Report of the Second Masonic District for the past year. I was favored with the assistance of W. Bro. B. Angus, as District Secretary, and R.W. Bro. Wm. Cairns of Temple Lodge (MacGregor) as District Chaplain.

The dates of my official visits to the Lodges of the District were:

Carberry No. 29	August, 1st, 1944
Union (Brookdale) No. 108	August, 3rd, 1944
Temple (MacGregor) No. 49	September 19th 1944
St. Andrews (Wellwood) No. 116	October, 2nd, 1944
Gladstone No. 11	October 9th, 1944
Gothic (Austin) No. 75	October 11th, 1944
Assiniboine (Portage la Prairie) No. 7	October 16th, 1944
Neepawa, No. 24	November 14th, 1944
McCreary No. 133	April 12th, 1945

Due to present day conditions and much to my regret, it was not possible for me to make a second visit to any of the Lodges. On all of these visits I was received very cordially with the respect and courtesy due your representative.

The District Meeting was held in McCreary on Friday, November 3rd, but due to adverse weather conditions, the attendance was somewhat restricted. However, every Lodge in the District was represented and the afternoon session was entirely taken up with business and routine matters pertaining to Masonry in District No. 2 and the furthering of Masonic interest in Manitoba, and some most helpful and instructive ideas and suggestions were made by our Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Bro. S. Burland, and R. W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, Senior Grand Warden. After a splendid banquet the District Meeting resumed labor and the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master and his suite were received with Grand Honors and expressions of loyalty and esteem on the part of the Brethren of the District. The Address given by you, Most Worshipful Sir, on that occasion was of outstanding significance; no Mason present could have failed to be helped and inspired to greater effort and work in the days that lie ahead.

I witnessed the work of conferring degrees in all Lodges, with the exception of two, St. Andrews (Welwood) and Gladstone. At the latter point, however, a most interesting and instructive discussion was carried out upon the Declaration of Principles and I would suggest that other Lodges might adopt this idea on a night when they have no degree work. They will find it both profitable and helpful. I wish to make special mention of my Official Visit to Temple Lodge (MacGregor) and Carberry Lodge. At the former, the second degree was conferred and the charge in this degree was given in a most impressive manner by R. Wor. Bro. Wm. Cairns. This esteemed and loved Brother is over 91 years of age. At Carberry, the second and third degrees were conferred in excellent manner, some of the work being done by members of the R.A.F. then stationed at that point. Their work was vastly different in parts to ours, but it was perfect and most impressively exemplified.

I also wish to point out the excellent work being done by Neepawa and Assiniboine Lodges in allowing their premises to be used free of charge for the Blood Donor Clinics.

In comparing the statistical report for the year 1944 with 1943, it is pleasing to note an increase of 128 in our membership.

On my visits I endeavored to stress the fact of present day conditions and the problems that we are facing and will have to face in the re-adjustment period and the wonderful opportunity for Masonry to play its part in this work and that the responsibility rested, not on any one Lodge, but on every individual Mason to assume and fulfil to the honor of the Most High, to Masonry throughout the world, and to himself.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Brethren of the Second Masonic District for the confidence they placed in me in electing me as their D.D.G.M. I hope I have merited that confidence. May I also express my heartfelt thanks to the Brethren who accompanied me on my official visits.

Fraternally submitted,

T. E. SQUIRE,
D.D.G.M., Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit to you for your approval my report as D.D.G.M. for the Third Masonic District for the year 1944-45.

I had for District Secretary R.W. Bro. W. M. Dagg, and W. Bro. A. Sundell as Chaplain, and with your approval we held our District Meeting at Holland on Friday, July 28th, at which there were 132 present.

With us at our meeting were the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Sam Burland; Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey; Grand Junior Warden R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly; M.W. Bros. Wm. Douglas and Harry Woods; Grand Director of Ceremonies R. W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman and W. Bro. Fred Blythe. Greetings were also extended to us in the persons of R.W. Bro. Les Welsh, D.D.G.M. of the Eighth Masonic District, and R.W. Bro. F. B. Lynes, D.D.G.M. of the Fourth Masonic District.

I made my official visit to the various Lodges as follows:

October 5, 1944	.....	Cypress No. 82
October 10, 1944	.....	Glenboro No. 48
October 25, 1944	.....	Swan Lake No. 109
October 27, 1944	.....	Treherne No. 51
October 30, 1944	.....	Wawanese No. 67
November 2, 1944	.....	Crescent No. 103
November 28, 1944	.....	Strathcona No. 117
December 26, 1944	.....	Rathwell No. 87
February 14, 1945	.....	Holland No. 63

Due to the length of the District I decided to have Divine Services at Glenboro and Rathwell. The former, held on Sunday, September 24th, was very well attended, there being over 70 Brethren present. Wawanese deserving special mention, all but two resident members being present. W. Bro. W. R. Donagh, of Glenboro United Church, conducted the service. However, we were not so fortunate at Rathwell, as Bro. Newcombe, of Treherne Lodge No. 51, who was to conduct the service, was called away, due to the passing away of his father, and for that reason the service was cancelled.

Masonry in the District is in a very healthy state and progressing favorably, both in the spirit of their Lodges and also in new members. This, no doubt, is due to the type of Brethren

who are holding office, but it is my one regret that there is not more visiting between the different Lodges.

I wish to thank all the Brethren of the Third Masonic District for the courtesy and brotherly love they have shown me, and it is with pleasure that I will remember this year as your District Deputy Grand Master.

The present is very bright for Masonry, but the future appears even brighter now that the war in Europe is over, and Masonry can once again be practised in the lives of men over there.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY ZACHARY,
D.D.G.M., Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

As your representative in this District for the year 1944, it is gratifying to report a year showing considerable progress, the Lodges operating harmoniously, with increased membership.

Rev. Bro. Harry Kay and W. Bro. R. R. Livesley, of Crystal City, were appointed respectively District Chaplain and District Secretary, both carrying out their duties in a most capable and outstanding manner. They accompanied me on all official visits, and Bro. Kay contributed materially to these meetings by giving an interesting and informative address on the Responsibility of Freemasonry toward returned men in the post-war period.

In the performance of my duties I had the pleasure of visiting officially all of the seven Lodges in the District, and of making several fraternal visits to most of them. The official visits were made on the following dates: Doric No. 36, Boissevain, October 24; Killarney No. 50, November 20; Manitou No. 30, November 7; Cartwright No. 150, November 21; Morden No. 13, December 21; Pilot Mound No. 118, January 25, and Crystal City No. 71, April 10. On these occasions I was received most loyally, and my address received very cordially. The Brethren of Crystal Lodge, being anxious to visit, availed themselves of the opportunity by accompanying me to the extent of a full car load on every visit.

During the year I had the privilege of witnessing the various degrees exemplified in most of the Lodges, finding the work done in a dignified and capable manner. It was also noticeable that the candidates were well-trained, and in nearly every case it was evident from their earnestness that they had a sincere desire for knowledge. It was apparent in these Lodges that there was a growing desire to encourage and hold the new members' enthusiasm; to this end plans are going forward to impart further resumes of the work, as well as to impress on each member that it is necessary to put in something to get something out.

It was my privilege to attend most of the meetings of the Board of General Purposes, and to report to the District anything of particular interest.

The matter of a spring District Meeting, which we were instructed to hold just prior to Grand Lodge, received considerable attention, and as the proposed date is May 17, final information regarding this innovation will be appended later.

The Lodges of this District are, generally speaking, active in community and war work, the members individually being most zealous in all worth-while projects. They, either as Lodges or by co-operating with other organizations, are active in promoting the sending of comforts overseas and in organizing blood clinics. The Victory Loans have been supported by all Lodges with surplus funds, while most of our Lodges contributed to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund.

In most Lodges there was considerable work on hand, including conferring of degrees, many finding it necessary to hold extra meetings. A number of fine young men became members; particularly noticeable were some desirable older men, who in all instances were equally enthusiastic. Visiting by most of the Lodges has been drastically curtailed, due to rationing. During the year some Emergent Meetings were held to attend funerals of departed Brethren; I wish to record in particular the passing of the late Past District Deputy Grand Master, Dr. T. R. Corbett, of Crystal Lodge No. 71. A large number of Masons from this District attended, giving evidence of the high esteem in which he was held.

On February 13, R. W. Bro. D. W. Elves, of Sarles, North Dakota, was presented with an engraved Past Master's Jewel by Crystal Lodge. At the same time he was made an Honorary Past Master of the Lodge. As R.W. Bro. Elves was well known throughout the District, I felt that this occasion should be recorded in this report.

The District Meeting at Crystal City, in spite of slightly decreased attendance, was highly successful. The presence of yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, together with other Grand Lodge Officers and visitors, was a source of great inspiration.

In concluding, I wish to express thanks to W. Bro. R. Livesley for his capable and efficient work as Secretary; to Bro. H. Kay for his splendid contribution in his capacity of District Chaplain; to all Lodges in District Number Four for their generous support and co-operation, and to all the Brethren for their kindness in affording me the honor and privilege of acting as your representative.

Fraternally yours,

F. B. LYNES,
D.D.G.M., Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Fifth Masonic District for the year 1944.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Minotia, on Thursday, August 24, 1944, with seventy-one Masons present. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Sam Burland, was present, and was accompanied by R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, Senior Grand Warden; R.W. Bro. H. P. Donnelly, Junior Grand Warden, and R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary. The Most Worshipful Grand Master addressed the meeting on the work of the Grand Lodge, and concluded his address with a very fine presentation on "Tolerance". Addresses were also given by the visiting Grand Lodge Officers.

During the year I visited all the Lodges in the Fifth Masonic District, twelve in number, and the attendance, not only of the Officers, but of the members of the Lodges, was very satisfactory. During these visits I witnessed the conferring of twelve degrees, eight in the Fellowcraft Degree and four in the Master Mason Degree, and these degrees were conferred by the Officers in a satisfactory manner. The fact that so many degrees were conferred during the year is an indication that there is a renewed interest in the work of the Masonic Order, and I am looking

forward to an increased membership in most of the Lodges in this District when the war is finally brought to a successful conclusion. In a few cases I found that the Lodges were undertaking to confer too many degrees in one night, and I am glad to note that a recent communication from Grand Lodge to the subordinate Lodges is calling attention to this fact.

The average attendance at Lodge meetings for the whole District is 53 per cent., and this should be improved on.

Since my official visit I have had the pleasure of again visiting four Lodges, and at the Shoal Lake meeting the mortgage on the Lodge building was burned.

The Lodges in this District are in excellent shape financially, and eight of the twelve Lodges own their own buildings.

During the year Shellmouth Lodge No. 129 surrendered its charter, as it had insufficient members to carry on.

There is every indication that the condition of the Lodges in this District will improve in the next few years.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. D. BERWICK,
D.D.G.M., Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

As your representative in the Sixth Masonic District in the office of District Deputy Grand Master, I have the honour and pleasure in reporting on the condition of Masonry, and my activities during the past year. It has been a great pleasure to act as your representative, and I trust that my efforts have been carried out in a way that has been for the benefit of Masonry, and the Brethren of this District in particular.

I appointed as my District Secretary Bro. I. Lloyd Cosgrove, and as District Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Harry Dodds. During my year of office I have visited officially all the Lodges in the District once.

October 9th, 1944	Kilwinning No. 110
October 12th, 1944	Reston No. 104
October 18th, 1944	Deloraine No. 40
October 27th, 1944	Glenwood No. 27
November 2nd, 1944—District meeting at Napinka.	
November 7th, 1944	Hartney No. 52
November 9th, 1944	Napinka No. 77
November 14th, 1944	Elgin No. 86
November 20th, 1944	Oriental No. 54

Unofficial visits:

June 21st, 1944	Deloraine No. 40.
July 13th, 1944	Reston No. 104 and April 13th, 1945.
July 16th, 1944	Oriental No. 54 and November 13th, 1944, and May 21st, 1945.
July 23rd, 1944	International Divine Service at Lake Metigoshe, U.S.A.
August 1st, 1944	Hartney No. 52 and May 1st, 1945.
August 8th, 1944	Elgin No. 86.
October 28th, 1944	North West Mounted Police Lodge, 50th Anniversary, at Regina, Sask.
November 17th, 1944	Special Meeting of the D.D.G.M.'s and meeting of the Board of General Purpose Committee in the Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.
March 3rd, 1945	Glenwood No. 27, and the Area Meeting on May 25th, 1945, at Glenwood No. 27.
April 1st, 1945	Kilwinning No. 110.
April 29th, 1945	Lebanon No. 43, Divine Service of District No. 7.
May 6th, 1945	Divine Service of District No. 6 at Napinka. One Masonic funeral at Hartney No. 52, and one at Oriental No. 54.

In all the Lodges I witnessed degrees conferred by the Worshipful Masters and Officers, in a manner that must have made a lasting impression on the candidates. I would like to commend the manner in which the candidates are instructed, and examined, before being advanced.

I would say that the work through the whole District was conducted efficiently and well, and perfect harmony prevails.

It was my endeavour to try and impress upon the members the necessity of Masonic study, and its interpretation to our everyday life.

Each Lodge has its Study Club, but this has been somewhat neglected owing to having so much degree work to do. Most Lodges take advantage of the Masonic Library.

There has been so many Masonic highlights that space will not permit me to report them all.

The District Meeting, held at Napinka, was well attended, and a very profitable afternoon and evening for the Craft was spent.

On that occasion, as we were favoured by your presence, it is unnecessary to report on it. I would again take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful address you gave us at that meeting.

The Area Meeting, held at Glenwood, was well attended by Districts No. Six and Seven. It was a real educational meeting for the Craft, and I do hope and trust that they will be continued in the future.

I had the pleasure to make several visits outside of the District.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, may I express to you and to the Brethren of District No. Six my sincere thanks for the great honour of having served as District Deputy Grand Master for the year 1944-45, and to the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries for their real co-operation, and to the Lodges for their warm welcome on all my visits. I also wish to thank the District Secretary, Bro. I. Lloyd Cosgrove, and the District Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Harry Dodds, and the Brethren of Napinka Lodge No. 77, especially R.W. Bro. James Burnett, who accompanied me on almost all my visits.

I have tried to do my work to the best of my ability, and although my very pleasant year of office is over I do hope to be able to serve District No. Six in the future.

Fraternally submitted,

T. A. TAYLOR,
D.D.G.M., Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration and

approval my report as your representative for the Seventh Masonic District for the year 1944-1945.

At the last Grand Lodge session we received a great inspiration and entered upon our year of Masonic work under your guidance and direction with zeal and enthusiasm. In a world still darkened by the clouds of war we found comfort and companionship among our brethren and great opportunities for service. How well we have acquitted ourselves of those opportunities and discharged our duties to our respective Lodges and to our communities is now on the record. I am pleased to report progress in the material, and what is more important, in the spiritual and fraternal aspects, for District No. 7. We mourn the death of a considerable number of our brethren, yet our new additions by initiation and affiliation make a net increase as at December 31, 1944, of 23, and many more brethren have been received into our order since the last statistical return. This material increase in numbers reflects the renewed interest in Craft Masonry in this District.

District Meeting:

Our District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple at Brandon, on Tuesday, August 22, 1944. In addition to the notice from their own Lodge I sent a personal letter to every resident member of all the Lodges in the District urging their attendance. Due to harvesting crop, many brethren were unable to attend the afternoon session but the banquet and evening meeting were well attended. The Register shows 97 members, 27 visitors, total 124. Due to a very important business conference in the United States I was unable to preside. R. W. Bro. M. S. Donovan conducted the meeting on my behalf and a fine programme was enjoyed. Grand Lodge officers in attendance were: M.W. Grand Master, S. Burland; Senior Grand Warden, M. S. Donovan; Junior Grand Warden, H. B. Donnelly; J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary; Past Grand Master, Wm. Douglas. District No. 5 was represented by R. W. Bro. W. D. Berwick, D.D.G.M., and District No. 6 by R. W. Bro. A. K. Cates, Past D.D.G.M.

Your address was most inspiring and in my contacts throughout the year I received many favorable comments on its fine subject matter. The item "Information Please" was productive of some very valuable discussion and M. W. Bro. Douglas and R. W. Bro. Donnelly made fine contributions to the programme.

Concensus of opinion of the brethren of this District is that summer months are not an appropriate time for District Meetings in this District and a resolution was passed that the District Meeting next year be held later in the fall.

Official Visitations:

I am happy to report that I officially visited all the Lodges in this District on dates as follows, and the welcome I received on each occasion as your representative was proof of their high regard for you personally and their approval of your untiring efforts and high ideals in the cause of Freemasonry.

Dates of Official Visits:

Elkhorn No. 74	October 23, 1944
Tweed No. 113	December 19, 1944
Lansdowne No. 107	December 27, 1944
Oak Lake No. 44	May 10, 1945
Lebanon No. 43	November 7, 1944
Composite No. 64	December 21, 1944
Brandon No. 19	March 13, 1945

All of the Lodges in the District have been active in conferring degrees and the work as witnessed by me was very satisfactory and, in the majority of cases, of a very high order. I would like to pay tribute to the splendid work and interest of Past Masters of the various Lodges who continue faithfully in assisting the Masters and Wardens in the conferring of degrees.

Harmony prevails in all Lodges and a fine feeling of brotherhood seems to be very much in evidence. In all cases I found members of the Craft to be leaders in their communities and actively engaged in supporting the war effort in every way and interested in the work of rehabilitation in the post war period.

On all of my visits I was accompanied by several brethren of Brandon No. 19 and Tweed No. 113 and their presence assisted very greatly to create interest and enthusiasm. I delivered an address on each occasion and during the refreshment hour members of my party made very outstanding contributions to the various programmes. I would like to make special reference in this regard to the following distinguished brethren: R.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, Sr. Grand Warden; R.W. Bro. Dr. J. R. C. Evans, President Brandon College, Past D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. J. R. Reid, Principal Brandon Collegiate, Past D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. J. U. Johnson, Past D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. H. M. Kerr, Past D.D.G.M.

Installations:

I also acted as Installing Master and conducted installation ceremonies for the following Lodges: Brandon No. 19; Tweed No. 113; Composite No. 64; Lansdowne No. 107. I was ably assisted on each of these several occasions by some one or two

of the following: R. W. Bros. Donovan, Evans, Reid and Purdie and W. Bro. Walton.

I attended the Conference of D.D.G. Masters which was held in Winnipeg on November 17, 1944. This meeting was a real inspiration to us all and I am sure we returned to our respective Districts with a keener interest and greater determination to discharge our duties and responsibilities to our respective Districts.

District Divine Services:

During the year two very outstanding District Divine Services were held, the first on Sunday, November 19, 1944, at 7 p.m., in the First Presbyterian Church at Brandon. This took the form of a Memorial Service to honour the memory of M. W. Bro. Wm. Fenwick, Past Grand Master, whose death occurred on May 15th, 1944. A very appropriate sermon was delivered by Dr. K. M. Glazier, pastor of the Church, a copy of which I sent to you. I subsequently was advised that a copy suitably bound was handed to M. W. Bro. Harry Woods for the Library.

The Second District Divine Service was held at Virden on Sunday, April 29, 1945, at 7 p.m. in the United Church. R. W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, Deputy Grand Master, conducted the Service and delivered a very inspiring sermon. At his request I read the Scripture Lesson.

Both of these Services were well attended by the brethren of the District and were so arranged in separate parts of the District to enable all members of the Craft to easily attend one or the other. The large attendance at these Divine Services shows the increasing interest of the brethren in the spiritual aspect of Freemasonry.

I would like to place on record the hearty approval of the brethren of this District to the publication "Masonry in Manitoba". Each issue has been well received and we hope for its continuance in the future.

I also had the privilege of accompanying you and other Grand Lodge officers on the occasion of the District Meeting of the Sixth Masonic District in Napinka, Thursday, November 2, 1944. We were made most welcome by R. W. Bro. Taylor, D.D.G.M., and his meeting was a great success.

Another highlight of the year was the Regional or Area Meeting for the brethren of the 6th and 7th Masonic Districts recently held on Friday, May 25, at Souris with a very large attendance from our 7th District. The meeting was most inter-

esting and instructive and your address, Most Worshipful Sir, and the address of R. W. Bro. Pilkey, will long be remembered. The discussions on the proposed amendments to the Constitution were most timely.

I would like to express my thanks to W. Bro. F. C. Courtice, District Secretary, and W. Bro. R. H. Cross, District Chaplain, for their very efficient services and able assistance throughout the entire year. I would like to thank the brethren of the District for the honour bestowed upon me and the privilege to thank them for their great kindness and sympathy during my recent bereavement.

In general, I am glad to report an increasing interest in the work of the Craft. The war has seemed to bring home to us a greater need of "brotherhood among men." I believe it is greatly in evidence in this Seventh Masonic District.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. PRUGH,
D.D.G.M., Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration and approval my report as D.D.G.M. for the Eighth Masonic District during the past year.

I wish to assure you that it has been a pleasure and a privilege to represent you during the year but it is only when I review the work done during the year that I realize that there is a great deal left undone. I have enjoyed the work and feel that my own life has been deeply enriched by the many fine friendships established. As your representative I was always accorded a reception befitting to your high office.

During the year there were four occasions on which the brethren of the District met. The first event was the Dedication of the Masonic Hall at Gretna, owned and used by the members

of East Star Lodge No. 55 and this was held on the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Lodge. The dedication service was conducted by yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, assisted by other Grand Lodge Officers. The Lodges of the District were well represented at this meeting and there were many brethren in attendance from Lodges in North Dakota.

The District Church Service was held at Morris, on September 17th. As R.W. Bro. Wallace, Grand Chaplain, was ill, the service was conducted and the sermon preached by Bro. Rev. Douglas Sparling, a member of King Solomon Lodge. This service was well attended.

The District Meeting was held at Sperling on September 29th and was, I feel, an outstanding success. Seventeen Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance and in all twenty-nine different Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction were represented. In the afternoon R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman, chairman of the committee on research and education, spoke on the work of this committee and of its future plans.

His address was followed by a most interesting and instructive question and answer period conducted by M. W. Bro. Douglas and M. W. Bro. Harry Woods. The banquet was attended by about 120 brethren. In the evening you were received in proper form and you then favored the gathering with a most inspiring address. M.W. Bro. George Hunter presented R.W. Bro. Keyes with the P.D.D.G.M. apron in a most befitting manner.

On May 8th a Regional Meeting was held at Morris with nearly all the Grand Lodge Officers in attendance. In spite of very bad road conditions about 120 attended including a goodly number of brethren from the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. The highlights of the evening were your address and "A Lodge of Instruction" conducted by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt and M.W. Bro. Harry Woods. There have been so many favorable comments on this meeting that I do not hesitate to recommend more of them.

At the banquet hour R.W. Bro. Pilkey gave a most inspiring address and the toast to the visitors was responded to by M.W. Bro. Harry Gill, Past Grand Master of the G. L. of North Dakota; by R.W. Bro. Leon Pettit, D.D.G.M. of the First Masonic District in North Dakota; and by R.W. Bro. Thomson, Junior Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

Official visits were made as follows:

Sprague No. 132.....	October 11th, 1944
Midlothian No. 90.....	October 16th, 1944
Penza No. 120.....	October 24th, 1944
Shiloh No. 70.....	November 9th, 1944
King Solomon No. 8.....	November 14th, 1944
Carman No. 155.....	November 21st, 1944
Emerson No. 6.....	November 23rd, 1944
East Star No. 55.....	November 24th, 1944
Patricia No. 125.....	April 4th, 1945

In addition to the official visits I have visited several of the Lodges on other occasions and hope to visit more before my term of office expires.

I have witnessed degree work in all Lodges but Penza and Sprague. Penza Lodge is the only one which has not had candidates during the year. Most of the Lodges have been busy with degree work and in most Lodges the work is well done. Some of the Lodges should spend more time in preparation and thereby make a better impression on the candidates.

I have made many trips to East Star Lodge No. 55 and am happy to report an improvement in the Lodge. Thanks and deep appreciation for services rendered are due the brethren of Emerson Lodge, King Solomon Lodge and R.W. Bro. Keyes for their help at East Star Lodge. Although the Lodge has had three new members during the year outside help and close attention of the District Deputy will be needed for some time. W. Bro. McQuarrie seems to be working hard, but it is going to take time and close supervision to get this Lodge back on its Masonic feet.

Although Masonry has made real progress in the District during the year it has also had its sad losses. Several brethren have been called to the Grand Lodge above and will be sadly missed by the brethren. Of those whose passing has been noted I must make special reference to the death of R.W. Bro. Norman McDougall who was known as the "Grand Old Man of Freemasonry" in Emerson Lodge. He lived Freemasonry, was active, was beloved by all who knew him, and had made a real contribution to Freemasonry in the District. M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey and R.W. Bro. H. B. Wallace officiated at the funeral service.

I wish to thank the brethren of the District for their kind reception at all times and for their readiness in assisting me in any work and especially do I wish to thank W. Bro. Paul Jeske, who has been my District Secretary, and W. Bro. George

Wallace for his kindness in arranging transportation on so many occasions.

Sir, this has been a year in which my Masonic education has been greatly improved. My personal gain has been much greater than any contribution I have been able to make but I do hope that in the years that lie ahead I may be enabled to make further contributions to the District in particular and Freemasonry generally. I do wish to thank you for your assistance and advice in so many matters and for the privilege of visiting so many Lodges in the city with you when you were visiting them officially. It is a year that I will never forget.

Respectfully submitted,

LES. C. WELSH,
D.D.G.M., Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor of submitting to you my report as your representative of the Ninth Masonic District for the year 1944-1945.

Although I entered upon the duties with a certain amount of apprehension based upon a sense of responsibility to you I was soon put at ease by the friendly greetings and encouragement given by members throughout the District. This made my work pleasant and I hope in some measure of value to the District.

The District Meeting was held at Roblin, August 17th, and was well attended, 106 members were present. When you take into consideration the distance many of the brethren had to travel, 100 miles to attend this meeting, and all Lodges were represented, you can rest assured as to the spirit of Freemasonry in this District.

The afternoon was devoted to receiving reports from Secretaries of all Lodges.

R. W. Bro. Rev. P. T. Pilkey, D.G.M., gave a splendid and interesting address upon the significance of Freemasonry which was greatly appreciated by all.

I wish to point out the spirit of Freemasonry which existed at this meeting. A few days previous to this meeting a Sister Lodge at Kamsack under the G. L. of Saskatchewan, received a severe loss on account of a terrific wind storm. The subject arose how best we could come to their assistance. \$106.00 was collected and forwarded to Kamsack Lodge next day, this was the first contribution received by Kamsack Lodge and was only a seed planted. I am happy to state that they now have a splendid building.

The Lodge called off at 6 p.m. and repaired to the United Church where the ladies had prepared a banquet for the members of this meeting.

The Evening Session was opened with the reception of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Samuel Burland; Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, and Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell.

The Grand Master delivered a very inspiring address which was appreciated by everyone present. R. W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey gave several talks on Freemasonry which was also greatly appreciated. R. W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey then presented R. W. Bro. J. Livesey with the D.D.G.M. Apron. R. W. Bro. Livesey responded very fittingly in his usual sincere manner.

My Official Visits were made as follows:

August 10, 1944	Jubilee No. 147, Bowsman
September 7, 1944	Prince Arthur No. 105, Swan River
September 21, 1944	Hiram No. 94, Grandview
October 3, 1944	Favel No. 126, Minitonas
October 11, 1944	Robbie Burns No. 100, Gilbert Plains
October 18, 1944	Victory No. 128, Benito
November 7, 1944	Vermillion No. 68, Dauphin
December 11, 1944	Roblin No. 122, Roblin

In all Lodges I found healthy activity in community work, all doing their part in war committee work and looking after the Brothers serving in the Armed Forces, sending parcels and corresponding with said Brothers.

I found all Lodges in good financial condition and investing to the limit in War Bonds.

It was my privilege to witness degree work in all Lodges except two, I must report the officers were well skilled and conscientious in their work.

A wonderful spirit of Freemasonry exists throughout the District, no sign of discord is to be found. All Lodges are visiting each other more than in the past, this is not only a good sign of Brotherhood but it is educating for the new members. I also notice all Lodges have received many new members and have been kept busy with degree work during the past year.

In conclusion I wish to pay special tribute to R. W. Bro. I. L. Mitchell, my Secretary, also W. Bro. Day, Chaplain, who were with me on my visits.

And now I wish to express to the brethren of the Ninth Masonic District deep gratitude for the honor they have conferred upon me as their D.D.G.M. I wish to assure both you and them that it has been a pleasure to serve in that capacity during the year and to have received the fullest support and co-operation.

Fraternally submitted,

F. STARR,
D.D.G.M., Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

It is indeed a pleasant duty to submit herewith for your consideration, and I hope approval, my report as your Deputy for this District for the year 1944-45. I regret, indeed, that owing to the various restrictions on travel and the fact that Pine Falls is quite isolated from the rest of the District, I was only able to pay one official visit to each of the Lodges. These were as follows:

September 19th.....	Lisgar No. 2
October 4th.....	Stony Mountain No. 134
October 6th.....	Transcona No. 123
October 13th.....	Pine Falls No. 154
November 3rd.....	Ophir No. 112
October 3rd.....	The Dormer No. 151
October 5th.....	Stonewall No. 12
October 10th.....	Kildonan No. 131
October 17th.....	Manitouwapa No. 156
November 10th.....	Seven Oaks No. 148

The total attendance at above meetings was made up of 241 members and 175 visitors, and on each official visit your representative was accorded a proper and enthusiastic reception. Rather than attempt to address these meetings on a subject such as "brotherly love" or some other Masonic virtue, I tried to reach the ear of the ordinary member by a plain talk for which I chose as a subject "Our Enemies."

Degree work was witnessed in all but four visits but in these latter the evenings were quite full, in one case with installation of officers (by M. W. Bro. Harry Woods) and another by an "Old Timers' Night," etc.

The District Meeting was held at Pine Falls on September 22nd and was very well attended, particularly the evening session at which 78 were present. I will not enumerate the details of the proceedings as this information has been forwarded to Grand Lodge by the District Secretary. However, I would be remiss in my duties did I not express my gratitude and appreciation to all those who helped to make the evening a success, in many cases at the inconvenience of travelling long distances, to M. W. Bro. Harry Woods for his skillful handling of the "Quiz Period," to R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman for his excellent address on "The Significance of Freemasonry," to M.W. Bro. Ben Parker for his well chosen remarks in presenting the P.D.D.G.M. regalia, and to yourself, M. W. Sir, for your able address which was the high light of the evening session. I wish also, on behalf of the District to thank Pine Falls Lodge for their contribution, particularly towards the banquet. To the wives of the members of Pine Falls Lodge (who in the absence of other catering facilities arranged an excellent banquet at which 92 were present) we owe a debt of gratitude. The refreshment hour was made lively by remarks from M. W. Bro. Geo. Hunter, M. W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, R. W. Bro. Geo. Miles, R. W. Bro. L. Taylor, W. Bro. E. Tanner, R. W. Bro. Bob Muckle, Mrs. Roxie Robertson, R. W. Bro. Peter Pilkey and Bro. C. C. Irvine. Although, I have forwarded to Grand Lodge a complete report on the condition of the Lodges in the District, also detailed reports on Forms 20 and 21, I would mention the following items of interest: Amount expended directly by Lodges for benevolence was \$640.06. In only three Lodges was the current income sufficient to pay current operating expenses, the other seven Lodges found it necessary to draw on receipts from initiation fees to make up the operating deficit. There were 49 initiations, seven re-instatements, six suspensions N.P.D., and, I regret to report, 16 deaths. All Lodges are in a sound position financially.

There would seem to be a tendency on the part of some Lodges to prolong their meetings until too late an hour. In some

cases on account of work in hand, this is not easy to avoid. However, many members like to be on their way home by at least 11.00 p.m. but do not like leaving before the rest of the brethren, and, I suggest that it is not conducive to good attendance, particularly when "Happy to Part" is prolonged until midnight or even later.

While the degree work witnessed was on the whole very well done, some of the country Lodges would welcome, and benefit by a "Lodge of Instruction". Effort expended in this direction would appear to be of more direct benefit in some instances than would the organization of study clubs.

Lodges in and around Winnipeg are to be envied their opportunity for exchange of visits. It is hoped that in the near future the various war restrictions which to some extent prevent outlying Lodges from sharing in these benefits, will be removed.

Ophir Lodge is now free from encumbrance and it was my privilege to be present at the ceremony of the burning of the mortgage on October 27th.

It was with some diffidence that I undertook the responsibility of representing you in the Tenth Masonic District, a diffidence which I now find was well founded. Had I had previously even one half of the education and experience which I have derived from the past year of service, I feel that I could have made a much better job of it.

I would, therefore, seriously suggest that some provision should be devised whereby your D.D.G.M. would be elected one year in advance. The idea being that he would have gained some experience by assisting the D.D.G.M. in any way requested, and that at least some Lodges would be assured of a second official visit which might be devoted to instruction. At the end of the first year the Grand Master would of course confirm or otherwise dispose of the election.

May I take this opportunity of thanking the District Chaplin, W. Bro. J. O. Jones of Ophir, and the District Secretary W. Bro. Wm. Bird of Pine Falls, for their able and willing assistance, particularly the latter, who accompanied me on many of my official visits. The office of District Secretary entails considerable work and is deserving of recognition. To the officers and members of Pine Falls Lodge, and The Dormer Lodge, who journeyed with me on official visits I am also deeply grateful.

As I write, the Allied nations are celebrating and offering thanks for victory in Europe, the culmination of a long struggle

against the forces of evil, a struggle in which our Order has played an unheralded part. However, the struggle of Freemasonry is but beginning. There still exists in Europe (particularly in Germany where Masonry once thrived) a moral canker which neither force of arms, nor oratory, nor monetary contributions can remove. Time, and the "spirit of Freemasonry" whether administered by Masons or non-Masons, can aid in building a moral structure which may be depended upon to withstand the forces of bestiality and greed. I suggest that it will remain for another generation to judge whether or not Freemasonry of today has failed in its purpose.

In conclusion I wish, on behalf of the Tenth Masonic District, to thank you Most Worshipful Sir for your interest and assistance in the welfare of our District and individual Lodges.

To the officers and members of the District I can only say that it was a privilege and pleasure to have had the opportunity of serving you. I appreciate your confidence expressed one year ago and hope that in some small measure I have been deserving of that confidence.

If, during the coming year, I can be of assistance in any way I shall be only too happy to further serve.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

D. C. ROBERTSON,
D.D.G.M.. Tenth Masonic District.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir:

I hereby respectfully submit my report of the different activities in the Twelfth Masonic District for the year 1944-1945.

May I, at this time, express my sincere and grateful appreciation for the honor conferred on me by the members of my District in electing me to such a high office. I trust that my efforts to discharge the duties have met with your approval.

The following were my official visits:

September 11, 1944	Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145
September 14, 1944	Beaver Lodge No. 139
September 28, 1944	Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143
October 3, 1944	Fort Osborne Lodge No. 144
October 6, 1944	Capitol Lodge No. 136
October 11, 1944	Fort Garry Lodge No. 130
October 13, 1944	Tuscan Lodge No. 141
October 16, 1944	Windsor Lodge No. 138
October 20, 1944	Fidelity Lodge No. 146
November 8, 1944	Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137
November 16, 1944	Meridian Lodge No. 140

Degrees were conferred in practically all Lodges during my official visits, and I say with all sincerity that the work is being performed very creditably. Brotherly love and perfect harmony prevail in all Lodges, and the officers are carrying out their duties in a most efficient manner.

As your representative, I was received in each Lodge with due courtesy and high regard for the office which I held. It was most gratifying to note the esteem and affection of the brethren for yourself as Grand Master.

During the year, Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145 celebrated its twenty-first anniversary, the date being January 8, 1945, at which you were present, also the Worshipful Master and officers and members of St. James Lodge, King Edward Lodge and Ionic Lodge—these being the Mother, Grand Mother and Great Grand Mother Lodges respectively. The function was most enjoyable.

My official visit to Meridian Lodge No. 140, on November 16, 1944, was an outstanding event which went down in the Historical Register of that Lodge. As it was St. Andrew's night a large number of members and visitors were present including R. W. Bro. Hugh Innes, D.D.G. Master of the First Masonic District, accompanied by the Masters of the different Lodges in that District. The Master and Wardens, Immediate Past Master, Officers and several members of Meridian Lodge were dressed in costume truly symbolic of the occasion. Your official representative was likewise dressed in Scottish garb for the event and our presence in such attire added much color. The refreshment hour was marked by the skirl of the pipes, the eating of haggis, and many interesting stories of the great Saint.

The District Meeting was held on Monday, January 29, 1945. There was a large attendance. This meeting, in previous years, had usually been held on a Saturday night; it was the general opinion that if satisfactory arrangements could be made it

would be preferable to hold the meeting on any other week night than Saturday.

The annual District Church Service was held in St. Paul's church on the morning of April 22, 1945. The Pastor, R. W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Deputy Grand Master, delivered a most inspiring message, the subject being "Dynamic Freemasonry". Most Worshipful Bro. Harry Woods read the Scripture. The weather was very unfavorable on that particular morning, but a large number of brethren were present.

Following a custom inaugurated by my predecessor, a dinner meeting was held once each month at which the District Officers, Masters and Senior Wardens were present. Matters of general interest with regard to Lodge and District affairs were considered. These gatherings were most informal, and there was plenty of round-table discussion. The Masters and Senior Wardens learned to know each other more intimately and thus bound their Masonic friendships much more firmly. I have no doubt the Masters and Senior Wardens will prevail upon my successors to continue these meetings, which have proved to be so beneficial.

On Friday evening, April 27, 1945, we held a "Ladies' Night" for the Twelfth Masonic District, in the Fort Garry Hotel. I believe this was the first time such an affair was held in Winnipeg under the supervision of the Officers and Masters of the District. It was an overwhelming success. Dinner was served in the Banquet Room at 7.00 p.m., followed by a musical programme. A toast to the ladies was proposed by R. W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Deputy Grand Master, and responded to by Mrs. M. S. Lougheed, wife of Bro. Morley S. Lougheed. Dancing was enjoyed to the full extent in the ball room. Cards were available to those who desired a game of bridge. In view of the success of this venture, may I suggest to incoming Masters that it should be made an annual event.

Most Worshipful Sir, it has indeed been a pleasure for me to act as your Representative in the Twelfth District this year. I have found the experience most valuable. New members have been mostly of the younger type, full of eagerness to absorb Masonic knowledge and to put it to practical use. This is the sort of member the Craft needs, and I hope they will always have capable leadership.

In conclusion may I offer my sincere appreciation to the District Officers and Masters of 1944-1945 for their kind assistance and co-operation during my term of office. Particularly do I wish to express my appreciation to W. B. T. Gilchrist,

who carried out the duties of District Secretary in a most efficient manner. He was a tower of strength to me, always ready and willing to co-operate in any branch of the work.

There is nowhere to be found in Manitoba a more enthusiastic and willing group of Masters than those who served during the year 1944 and those now serving during 1945. Their superior qualities will live long in my memory and I trust that I may retain their warm friendship for many, many years to come.

Most Worshipful Sir, your kindness to me and your friendly advice will long be remembered with deep gratitude.

Fraternally submitted,

D. MacKAY,
D.D.G.M., Twelfth Masonic District.

In Memoriam



DEDICATED

TO

THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF

SISTER

GRAND LODGES

1944

In Memoriam
DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF
Edward Maxwell Walker

Initiated in Dalhousie Lodge No. 52, Ottawa (G.R.C.), on July 3rd, 1893. Passed on October 2nd, 1894, and raised on December 4th, 1894, and was still a member in good standing at the time of his death.

He affiliated with the following Lodges in Manitoba. Northern Light Lodge No. 10 on March 16th, 1899, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1 on October 15th, 1912, St. John's Lodge No. 4 on June 4th, 1913, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3, on February 15th, 1915, St. James Lodge No. 121 on July 14th, 1915, Norwood Lodge No. 119, on March 12th, 1925.

District Deputy Grand Master, 1907

Junior Grand Warden, 1910

Senior Grand Warden, 1911

Deputy Grand Master, 1912

Grand Master, 1913

Grand Librarian, 1926

Born in

Inverary, Ontario Winnipeg, Manitoba
March 1st, 1865 September 28th, 1944

Died in

In Memoriam
DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF
George Nelson Jackson

Initiated in Acacia Lodge No. 61, Hamilton (G.R.C.) in 1892. Affiliated with Ionic Lodge No. 25, Winnipeg, in 1906, and was Master of that Lodge in 1916.

Senior Grand Deacon, 1915
District Deputy Grand Master, 1916
Junior Grand Warden, 1918
Senior Grand Warden, 1919
Deputy Grand Master, 1920
Grand Master, 1921

In Memoriam

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

William R. Grieve

District Deputy Grand Master, 1912

DIED

March 31st, 1944

John E. Mitchell

District Deputy Grand Master, 1913

DIED

May 2nd, 1944

William McCartney

District Deputy Grand Master, 1913

DIED

June 2nd, 1944

In Memoriam

**DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF**

Norman McDougall

Grand Steward, 1916

District Deputy Grand Master, 1917

DIED

October 24th, 1944

Thomas E. Corbett

District Deputy Grand Master, 1937

DIED

June 22nd, 1944

Robert Thomas Rutherford

Grand Pursuivant, 1909

DIED

August 25th, 1944

In Memoriam
DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

William McDonald

Grand Steward, 1916

DIED

December 3rd, 1944

Thomas W. G. Bunn

Senior Grand Steward, 1921

DIED

August, 1944

James Buchan

Grand Pursuivant, 1937

DIED

December 25th, 1944

William James Edwards

Senior Grand Deacon, 1939

DIED

June 2nd, 1944

IN MEMORY
OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE
At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Pollard, O. H.	Jan. 2nd, 1944	Prince Rupert's....	1
Henry, Thomas.....	Mar. 11th, 1944	Prince Rupert's....	1
Agnew, Harry M.	June 2nd, 1944	Prince Rupert's....	1
Riley, Robert T.	July 29th, 1944	Prince Rupert's....	1
Blackford, Jas. E.	Sept. 1st, 1944	Prince Rupert's....	1
Walker, E. M.	Sept. 28th, 1944	Prince Rupert's....	1
Cooke, Harry.....	Oct. 8th, 1944	Prince Rupert's....	1
Whitehead, Joseph G.	Nov. 9th, 1944	Prince Rupert's....	1
Quinton, Alex. E.	Nov. 17th, 1944	Prince Rupert's....	1
Moncrieff, R.	June 9th, 1944	Lisgar	2
Bunn, Thos. W. G.	Aug. 1944	Lisgar	2
Shepard, Garnet W.	Dec. 2nd, 1944	Lisgar	2
Cluett, George.....	Feb. 24th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Humphrey, David J.	May, 5th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
William, George F.	June 2nd, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Tedman, George	June 27th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Howard, Edward T.	July 19th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Shaw, Robert.....	July 19th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Dryden, Joshua.....	Aug. 10th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Stiles, Henry B.	Sept. 14th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Anderson, Herbert J.	Oct. 27th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Pratt, James F.	Dec. 13th, 1944	Ancient Landmark	3
Braithwaite, J. A.	Jan. 6th, 1944	St. John's	4
Eddy, Frederick M.	Jan. 29th, 1944	St. John's	4
Baker, L. Roscoe	Apr. 24th, 1944	St. John's	4
Lower, Richard.....	May, 9th, 1944	St. John's	4
Robertson, Donald....	May 28th, 1944	St. John's	4
Cotton, Percy.....	May 28th, 1944	St. John's	4
Raymond, William S.	June 23rd, 1944	St. John's	4
Hall, Thomas N.	July 6th, 1944	St. John's	4
Birchard, P. V.	July 6th, 1944	St. John's	4
Rutherford, F. J.	Sept. 11th, 1944	St. John's	4
Brown, Thomas W.	Nov. 25th, 1944	St. John's	4
St. Lawrence, Percy....	Dec. 17th, 1944	St. John's	4

IN MEMORY
OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE
At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Wright, Herbert H....	Sept. 21st, 1944	St. John's	4
McDougall, N.	Oct. 24th, 1944	Emerson	6
Home, Robert H.	Mar. 17th, 1944	Assiniboine	7
Weiben, Howard C.	Mar. 1944	Assiniboine	7
McCormick, Angus J.	May, 11th, 1944	Assiniboine	7
Sparling, Frederick....	May, 13th, 1944	Assiniboine	7
Stewart, Peter.....	Sept. 1944	Assiniboine	7
King, Clement	Nov. 29th, 1944	Assiniboine	7
Mace, Roger M.	Dec. 10th, 1944	Assiniboine	7
(Killed in Action)			
Chapman, Jas. E.	Missing Owers's	King Solomon.....	8
Stevenson, Walter N.	Nov. 5th, 1944	King Solomon.....	8
Underwood, Geo. D.	Jan. 27th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Bissett, John E.	Mar. 18th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Over, W. Percy	Apr. 11th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Parkhill, John H.	May 20th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Bowles, John H.	June 12th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Swaisland, Wilfred J.	Nov. 14th, 1943	Northern Light	10
Christie, M. F.	Aug. 10th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Beattie, Roy G.	Aug. 27th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Duncan, James B.	Oct. 16th, 1944	Northern Light	10
McManus, Ray. O.	Dec. 6th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Graham, Richard....	Jan. 13th, 1942	Gladstone	11
Johnstone, Frank E.	Aug. 21st, 1942	Gladstone	11
Vincent, Samuel L.	Jan. 31st, 1944	Stonewall	12
Logan, Alexander....	June 2nd, 1944	Brandon	19
Wilson, Aldham.....	June 26th 1944	Brandon	19
Bowman, George J.	Feb. 24th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Thurston, Alfred	June 6th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Shannon, John P.	Oct. 6th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Roy, Middleton M.	Nov. 15th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Hobbs, Harold G.	Aug. 28th, 1943	Ionic	25
Carroll, Arthur L.	Jan. 25th, 1944	Ionic	25
Douglas, Johnson....	Mar. 12th, 1944	Ionic	25
McBride, William P.	Apr. 29th, 1944	Ionic	25

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Edwards, William. J.	June 2nd, 1944	Ionic	25
Kirtley, John Wm.	June 10th, 1944	Ionic	25
Howarth, W. H. (Killed in Action)	Sept. 1st, 1944	Ionic	25
Holmes, Ed.	Oct. 28th, 1944	Ionic	25
Lewell, A.	Nov. 20th, 1944	Ionic	25
Jackson, George N.	Dec. 1st, 1944	Ionic	25
Cockrem, Ernest D.	July 30th, 1944	Glenwood	27
Alexander, Thomas W.	Feb. 26th, 1944	Manitou	30
Drew, James Franklin	Sept. 27th, 1944	Manitou	30
Jordon, Robert.	Oct. 16th, 1944	Manitou	30
Walker, Alexander.	Mar. 10th, 1944	Dorie	36
Gordon, Anthony.	May 25th, 1944	Deloraine	40
Brown, William.	July 19th, 1944	Deloraine	40
Clingan, George.	Jan. 2nd, 1944	Lebanon	43
More, Andrew.	Mar. 28th, 1944	Lebanon	43
Christie, William. J.	June 25th, 1944	Glenboro	48
Smith, John H.	Feb. 29th, 1944	Temple	49
Thompson, Frank J.	July 12th, 1944	Temple	49
Morgan, Leslie H.	May 8th, 1944	Killarney	50
Baldwin, James M.	Sept. 1944	Killarney	50
Moore, Robert J.	Feb. 8th, 1944	Treherne	51
McLachlan, A.	Nov. 30th, 1944	Treherne	51
Lightly, W. R.	Dee. 1st, 1944	Treherne	51
Phillips, Matthew.	July 3rd, 1944	Hartney	52
McDonald, William.	Dec. 3rd, 1944	Hartney	52
Lang, Francis, H. (Killed in Action)	June 1944	Oriental	54
Carlson, Peter.	Nov. 4th, 1944	East Star	55
Sundell, Augustus, C.	July 15th, 1944	Wawanessa	67
Fulton, John.	Jan. 6th, 1944	Vermillion	68
Thompson, Ezra.	Mar. 22nd, 1944	Vermillion	68
Armstrong, George. (Killed in Action)	1943	Vermillion	68
Parson, Nils.	Dec. 19th, 1944	Vermillion	68

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Bond, Amos	Apr. 1st, 1944	Shiloh	70
Sharman, Walter E. .	Feb. 9th, 1944	Crystal	71
Corbett, Thomas E. .	June 22nd, 1944	Crystal	71
Ingram, Frederick . .	Aug. 20th, 1944	Napinka	77
Luker, William T. . .	Dec. 3rd, 1944	Napinka	77
Lougheed, Thomas H. .	Aug. 3rd, 1944	Cypress	82
Lawson, Alexander . .	Jan. 29th, 1944	Hamiota	84
McConnell, John H. . .	Mar. 26th, 1944	Hamiota	84
Kerr, Thomas	Sept. 4th, 1944	Hamiota	84
Draper, John	Jan. 19th, 1944	Rathwell	87
Jacob, Robert	Mar. 13th, 1944	King Edward	93
Burgess, Theodore . .	Apr. 26th, 1944	King Edward	93
Grisdale, Robert C. . .	June 4th, 1944	King Edward	93
Watson, Benjamin A. .	June 12th, 1944	King Edward	93
Fleming, James B. . .	July 29th, 1944	King Edward	93
McCune, John	Aug. 23rd, 1944	King Edward	93
Kelly, James N.	Dec. 16th, 1944	King Edward	93
Parrott, Victor.....	Jan. 20th, 1944	Hiram	94
Hudson, Gerald, D. . .	Dec. 4th, 1944	Robbie Burns.....	100
Murray, Jas. Sinclair .	Feb. 13th, 1944	Binsearch	101
Pate, Rev. John	Feb. 10th, 1944	Minota	102
Coutry, Albert E. . .	Apr. 12th, 1944	Minota	102
Rattray, John Grant .	June 23rd, 1944	Reston	104
Chester, Arthur E. . .	Oct. 7th, 1944	Reston	104
Wood, Joseph	Oct. 24th, 1944	Reston	104
Rowe, George	July 31st, 1944	Prince Arthur	105
Wersh, Louis L.	Mar. 25th, 1944	Strathclair	106
Rutherford, R. Thos. .	Aug. 25th, 1944	Strathclair	106
McCartney, William .	June 2nd, 1944	Lansdowne	107
Tuck, George.....	June 9th, 1944	Lansdowne	107
Douglas, Alexander . .	July 22nd, 1944	Lansdowne	107
Livingston, Ross.....	Jan. 4th, 1944	Swan Lake	109
Gledhill, Albert F. . .	Mar. 7th, 1944	Kilwinning	110
Armet, Archibald, R. .	Jan. 4th, 1944	Acacia	111
Cross, Henry W.	Mar. 1st, 1944	Acacia	111

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Davis, John E.	Aug. 20th, 1944	Acacia	111
Anderson, William W.	Aug. 21st, 1944	Acacia	111
Fawcett, Daniel T.	Mar. 9th, 1944	Ophir	112
Burgoyne, James	Jan. 23rd, 1944	Tweed	113
Rutter, John E.	Mar. 21st, 1944	Tweed	113
Calder, Thos.	Aug. 18th, 1944	Tweed	113
Jones, Gordon Thos.	Oct. 9th, 1944	Tweed	113
McPhail, William G.	Aug. 28th, 1944	Tweed	113
McKenzie, Kenneth J.	Oct. 21st, 1944	Tweed	113
McDiarmid, Alfred R.	Oct. 31st, 1944	Tweed	113
Fess, William P.	Mar. 7th, 1944	"The Assiniboine"	114
Crawford, William	Mar. 25th, 1944	"The Assiniboine"	114
Christie, Peter C.	June 3rd, 1944	"The Assiniboine"	114
Kinney, John E.	July 7th, 1944	"The Assiniboine"	114
Toon, Frederick W.	Dec. 30th, 1944	"The Assiniboine"	114
Cunningham, C. A.	Dec. 31st, 1944	"The Assiniboine"	114
Rea, William G. C.	Feb. 12th, 1944	Rivers	115
Wiegand, Lorenzo	Mar. 6th, 1944	Rivers	115
Mitchell, John E.	May 2nd, 1944	Rivers	115
Telfer, Wilton	Oct. 3rd, 1944	Stratheona	117
Tustin, Arthur J.	May 24th, 1944	Norwood	119
Caughhey, Samuel W.	June 2nd, 1944	Norwood	119
Dougall, Thomas	Aug. 18th, 1944	Norwood	119
Bird, James	Dec. 15th, 1944	Norwood	119
Oliver, J. P.	Apr. 12th, 1944	St. James	121
Page, George	Nov. 6th, 1944	St. James	121
Terry, Frank E.	June 1944	Roblin	122
Campbell, Alex. A.	Jan. 29th, 1944	Transcona	123
Edwards, Louis F.	Mar. 24th, 1944	Transcona	123
Hayward, Roland C.	Mar. 5th, 1944	Transcona	123
Miller, Alexander	Oct. 22nd, 1944	The Pas	124
Mann, John	Nov. 8th, 1944	The Pas	124
Cumming, Lloyd W. (Missing in Action)	June 1944	Victory	128
Leighton, R. O. Y.	Jan. 12th, 1944	Fort Garry	130

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Klintberg, S. I. J.....	May, 3rd, 1944	Fort Garry	130
McGeachie, Don. Wm. (Killed in Action)	Oct. 12th, 1944	Fort Garry	130
Newton, James G.	Jan. 9th, 1944	Kildonan	131
Matheson, Alexander	June 12th, 1944	Kildonan	131
Watson, John	1944	Sprague	132
Halford, Percival	Sept. 1944	McCreary	133
Fletcher, C. W. (Killed in Action)	Oct. 30th, 1944	McCreary	133
Smith, John A.	Oct. 21st, 1944	Stony Mountain...	134
Stewart, John	July 1st, 1944	Capitol	136
Strathdee, John	July 10th, 1944	Beaver	139
Bone, Thomas Wm.	Jan. 5th, 1944	Meridian	140
Clark, James T.	Mar. 27th, 1944	Meridian	140
Macdonald, James C.	Apr. 27th, 1944	Meridian	140
Munro, John B.	July 11th, 1944	Meridian	140
Kelsey, Kenneth J.	Sept. 9th, 1944	Meridian	140
Craig, Robert B.	Oct. 7th, 1944	Meridian	140
Moreau, Joseph A.	Mar. 9th, 1944	Tuscan	141
Adilman, Maurice	Oct. 7th, 1944	Mt. Sinai	143
Tomlin, Albert E.	Sept. 25th, 1944	Fort Osborne	144
Smith, Gilbert H.	Apr. 23rd, 1944	Sturgeon Creek ...	145
Hempshall, Frank	Sept. 12th, 1944	Sturgeon Creek ...	145
Monson, John R.	Aug. 20th, 1944	Fidelity	146
McKeag, Robert G.	Oct. 25th, 1944	Fidelity	146
Devers, Robert H. V.	Oct. 18th, 1944	Seven Oaks	148
Rait, Thomas	July 23rd, 1944	The Dormer	151
Buchan, James	Dec. 25th, 1944	The Dormer	151
Peiper, Joseph	Oct. 19th, 1944	Flin Flon	153
Evans, Frances W.	Jan. 4th, 1944	Carman	155
Prismall, George S.	May 10th, 1944	Carman	155
Law, Reginald F.	Dec. 9th, 1944	Carman	155

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Bradshaw, D. W.	Nov. 21st, 1944	Prince Rupert's	1
McMullen, Alexander	Nov. 21st, 1944	Prince Rupert's	1
Plant, Bernard	Dec. 19th, 1944	Prince Rupert's	1
Harrison, Harold	Oct. 16th, 1944	Ancient Landmark ..	3
Sabin, James T.	Dec. 21st, 1944	Ancient Landmark ..	3
Walters, Frederick	Nov. 1st, 1944	St. John's	4
Shave, Harry	Dec. 6th, 1944	St. John's	4
Blair, A. R. N.	Dec. 6th, 1944	St. John's	4
Pratt, E. A.	Dec. 6th, 1944	St. John's	4
Smeaton, Erie P.	Feb. 19th, 1944	Emerson	6
Dunlop, Edwin C.	Nov. 20th, 1944	Assiniboine	7
Robertson, James R.	Dec. 18th, 1944	Assiniboine	7
Simpson, Charles C.	Dec. 18th, 1944	Assiniboine	7
Hardy, George E.	Jan. 20th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Lambert, Harry W.	Feb. 17th, 1944	Northern Light	10
Halley, G. A.	Sept. 21st, 1944	Northern Light	10
Flook, Stanley, W.	Dec. 21st, 1944	Northern Light	10
McKay, H. A.	May 8th, 1944	Gladstone	11
Batty, John D.	Mar. 7th, 1944	Corinthian	15
Roberts, Charles A.	Dec. 5th, 1944	Corinthian	15
Hanson, Thomas J.	Apr. 11th, 1944	Brandon	19
Hunn, Dudley, H.	(Resigned)	Brandon	19
Boles, I. C.	Feb. 8th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Watson, Roy D.	Apr. 11th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Sewell, Frank F.	Oct. 10th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Bowman, James M.	Dec. 12th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Cantelon, Albert E.	Dec. 12th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Lang, Alexander	Dec. 12th, 1944	Neepawa	24
Lightfoot, James	Mar. 6th, 1944	Ionic	25
Lewarne, Richard J.	June 5th, 1944	Ionic	25
Clayton, C. G.	Dec. 31st, 1944	Ionic	25
Leech, Robert L.	Dec. 31st, 1944	Ionic	25
Taylor, W. W.	Dec. 31st, 1944	Ionic	25
Chapman, William G.	Jan. 28th, 1944	Glenwood	27
Avery, Howard Wm.	Dec. 27th, 1944	Glenwood	27
Jackson, C. J. F.	June 20th, 1943	Carberry	29
Belton, George S.	Oct. 31st, 1944	Carberry	29
Barber, Samuel F.	Nov. 28th, 1944	Carberry	29
Rogers, Clifford N.	Nov. 28th, 1944	Carberry	29
Allen, Ralph F.	Oct. 3rd, 1944	Manitou	30

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Murray, James	Dec. 5th, 1944	Manitou	30
Dickinson, F. L.	Mar. 7th, 1944	Birtle	39
Leam, Arthur, P.	Dec. 5th, 1944	Lebanon	43
Rollins, Clare D.	Dec. 18th, 1944	Killarney	50
Forbes, Charles	Dec. 5th, 1944	Hartney	52
Day, Cecil F.	Jan. 17th, 1944	Oriental	54
McDougall, D.	Mar. 14th, 1944	Russell	62
Cookman, Robert	May 22nd, 1944	Russell	62
Hughes, Sydney	Nov. 18th, 1944	Russell	62
Astwood, Mervin S.	Nov. 10th, 1944	Vermillion	68
Gardner, David	Dec. 7th, 1944	Vermillion	68
Liddon, Thomas H.	Jan. 13th, 1944	Shiloh	70
Bond, Harold J.	Feb. 10th, 1944	Shiloh	70
Chanin, Robert C.	Dec. 14th, 1944	Shiloh	70
McIntyre, Alfred W.	Dec. 12th, 1944	Crystal	71
Leslie, James A.	Jan. 6th, 1944	Cypress	82
Todd, William	Jan. 6th, 1944	Cypress	82
Bulmer, Walter R.	Apr. 17th, 1944	Midlothian	90
McKay, Harold	Sept. 12th, 1944	Shoal Lake	92
George, Robert S.	Dec. 14th, 1944	Shoal Lake	92
Sutherland, Donald G.	Jan. 19th, 1944	King Edward	93
Darling, Arthur R.	Jan. 19th, 1944	King Edward	93
Pearen, Joshua, H.	Jan. 19th, 1944	King Edward	93
Webster, Edward E.	Feb. 16th, 1944	King Edward	93
Ackroyd, Abraham M.	Oct. 18th, 1944	King Edward	93
Bailey, Albert E.	Dec. 20th, 1944	King Edward	93
Murray, Andrew	Dec. 20th, 1944	King Edward	93
Smith, Samuel J.	Dec. 30th, 1944	King Edward	93
Wilson, Harry C.	Sept. 27th, 1944	Hiram	94
Harrison, John W.	Mar. 1st, 1944	Crescent	103
Vincent, Arthur Wm.	May 11th, 1944	Reston	104
Hall, A. E.	Oct. 12th, 1944	Reston	104
Delgaty, W. G.	Nov. 9th, 1944	Reston	104
Hill, Charles	Oct. 25th, 1944	Lansdowne	107
Jackson, P. A.	Oct. 25th, 1944	Lansdowne	107
Garth, Wm. K.	Oct. 25th, 1944	Lansdowne	107
Carman, Henry V.	June 2nd, 1944	Ophir	112
Platford, Frederick, W.	June 2nd, 1944	Ophir	112
McNaughton, William D.	Jan. 18th, 1944	Tweed	113
Park, Wilbert J.	Sept. 19th, 1944	Tweed	113
Wilton, Albert W.	Sept. 19th, 1944	Tweed	113

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Runciman, John F.	Dec. 19th, 1944	Tweed	113
Wakefield, Ernest A.	Dec. 5th, 1944	"The Assiniboine"	114
Sutherland, Robert G.	Dec. 30th, 1944	"The Assiniboine"	114
Donogh, Wallace R.	Nov. 27th, 1944	Rivers	115
McDonald, Malcolm	Jan. 4th, 1944	Strathcona	117
Sanders, Robert M.	Mar. 23rd, 1944	Mcound	118
Thompson, Everett, C.	Feb. 9th, 1944	St. James	121
Caswill, Ernest	Feb. 7th, 1944	Empire	127
Madsen, Nils E.	Feb. 16th, 1944	Victory	128
Hunter, Gordon	Sept. 20th, 1944	Victory	128
Herbert, Alfred H.	Sept. 1944	Shellmouth	129
Brace, Lincoln H.	Jan. 12th, 1944	Fort Garry	130
Duncan, Ralph C.	Jan. 12th, 1944	Fort Garry	130
Wells, James H.	Jan. 12th, 1944	Fort Garry	130
Wishart, Andrew J.	Jan. 12th, 1944	Fort Garry	130
Hilder, Frederick H.	Mar. 8th, 1944	Fort Garry	130
Harrod, Percy	Dec. 31st, 1944	Fort Garry	130
Harpell, George C.	June 8th, 1944	McCreary	133
McKone, Rex	Dec. 14th, 1944	McCreary	133
McLean, Donald	Jan. 5th, 1944	Stony Mountain	134
Benson, Johann	Nov. 1st, 1944	Stony Mountain	134
Weatherly, Francis H.	Dec. 1st, 1944	Capitol	136
Lee, Thomas Wm.	Nov. 8th, 1944	Lord Selkirk	137
Crookes, Sidney	Feb. 14th, 1944	Windsor	138
Nelson, Thomas	Feb. 14th, 1944	Windsor	138
Morgan, William H.	Nov. 13th, 1944	Windsor	138
Moore, Thomas	Oct. 19th, 1944	Meridian	140
Maguire, William	Dec. 21st, 1944	Meridian	140
Tatlow, Harry	Dec. 21st, 1944	Meridian	140
Brown, Roland W.	Dec. 30th, 1944	Meridian	140
Hale, William	Nov. 10th, 1944	Tuscan	141
Solvason, Stefan	Dec. 8th, 1944	Tuscan	141
Finkelstein, Manley	Jan. 27th, 1944	Mt. Sinai	143
Genaske, Harry	Dec. 28th, 1944	Mt. Sinai	143
Wither, William A.	Sept. 5th, 1944	Fort Osborne	144
Allisen, Robert W.	Oct. 13th, 1944	Jubilee	147
Hackett, Robert James	Jan. 1st, 1944	Pine Falls	154
Pickell, Norman R.	Sept. 21st, 1944	Carman	155
Cleave, Thomas	Dec. 19th, 1944	Carman	155
Brown, R. Hector	July 18th, 1944	Manitouwapa	156

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Year	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell	*H. T. Champion	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*G. F. Newcomb	*J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Jno. W. Harris	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1877	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jas Henderson	*Jno. W. Harris	*E. G. Conkin	*J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	*J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1879	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*R. McCraig	*J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*James Monroe	*Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell	*E. G. Conkin	*Hon. G. McMicken	*J. M. McGregor	*J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1881	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. B. Murray	*C. F. Forrest	*J. J. Johnston	*Jas. Henderson	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1882	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*Alfred Pearson	*C. F. Forrest	*J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1883	*John H. Bell	*D. B. Murray	*R. McCraig	*John Smith	*J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. Young	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1884	*John H. Bell	*C. F. Forrest	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood	*N. J. Lindsay	*J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. Simpson	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1885	*C. F. Forrest	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	*Thos. Collins	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood
1886	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	*J. K. Bryton	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. G. Bell	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1887	*Thomas Clark	*John A. Kerr	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Jas. S. Greig	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*R. C. Brown	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Joseph Daniel	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1889	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	*Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. L. Morton	*Thos. McPherson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1890	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. McPherson	*Fred L. Newman	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*R. W. Woodroffe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1891	*Wm. G. Bell	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rich'd D. Foley	*John Leslie	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James G. Dagg	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1892	*J. W. H. Wilson	*D. J. Goggin	*F. G. Levin	*Thos. Robinson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. A. Windatt	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1893	*D. J. Goggin	*Thos. Robinson	*Thomas Tweed	*Corbet Locke	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. H. Munson	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1894	*Thomas Tweed	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*Hugh U. Bain	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado	Cooper

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Year	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1885	*Charles N. Bell.	*Corbet Locke . . .	*John Leslie . . .	*Geo. B. Murphy .	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott . . .	*John Chambers .	*Rev. C. B. Pittblado
1886	*Corbet Locke . . .	*John Leslie . . .	*Fred L. Newman .	*F. T. English . .	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott . . .	*C. N. Mitchell . .	Rev. J. W. Matheson
1897	*Thomas Robinson	*Geo. B. Murphy .	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	*Wm. Crawford .	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott . . .	*J. O. Smith . . .	*Rev. A. Chisholm
1898	*Geo. B. Murphy .	*H. J. Eberts . . .	*R. S. Thornton	*Wm. A. Windatt .	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott . . .	*Edgar W. Rugg .	*Rev. C. R. Little
1899	*John Leslie . . .	*R. S. Thornton .	*W. A. Windatt .	*S. B. Jamieson .	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott . . .	*J. A. Sutherland .	*Rev. J. W. Fairhead
1900	*R. S. Thornton .	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	*Wm. Fenwick . . .	*R. Hill Myers .	*John McKechnie	*James A. Oras .	*E. A. Braithwaite .	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1901	*R. S. Thornton .	*R. Hill Myers . . .	*E. A. Braithwaite .	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*John McKechnie	*James A. Oras . . .	*James M. Suttie .	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1902	*R. Hill Myers . . .	*E. A. Braithwaite .	*Rev. A. Chisholm .	*Geo. W. Baker . .	*John McKechnie	*James A. Oras . . .	*Geo. H. Webster .	*Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1903	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm .	*Wm. G. Scott . . .	*H. H. Campkin . .	*John McKechnie	*James A. Oras . . .	*R. P. Crookshank .	*Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1904	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott . . .	*H. H. Campkin . .	*James Scroggie .	*John McKechnie	*James A. Oras . . .	*O. E. S. White- side .	*Rev. John Wells
1905	*Wm. G. Scott . . .	*H. H. Campkin . .	*James Scroggie .	*Henry J. Pugh . .	*John McKechnie	*James A. Oras . . .	*John R. Grant . .	*Rev. Geo. H. Hobbin
1906	*John McKechnie	*James Scroggie . .	*Henry J. Pugh . .	*James D. Baine .	*T. Harry Webb .	*James A. Oras . . .	*Arthur H. Smith .	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1907	*James Scroggie . .	*Henry J. Pugh . .	*James D. Baine .	*John Wemyss . .	*T. Harry Webb .	*James A. Oras . . .	*Robert Magness .	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1908	*Henry J. Pugh . .	*James D. Baine .	*John Wemyss . .	*Wm. Chambers .	*T. Harry Webb .	*James A. Oras . . .	*A. N. Macpherson	*Rev. Thos. Neville
1909	*James D. Baine .	*Geo. W. Baker .	*John Wemyss . .	*Wm. Chambers .	*T. Harry Webb .	*James A. Oras . . .	*Joseph Greenfield .	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1910	*Geo. W. Baker .	*John Wemyss . .	*Wm. Chambers .	*Ed. M. Walker .	*T. Harry Webb .	*James A. Oras . . .	*Jas. E. Maynard .	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1911	*John Wemyss . .	*Wm. Chambers .	*Ed. M. Walker .	*Lynd S. Vaughan	*T. Harry Webb .	*James A. Oras . . .	*R. W. A. Rolph .	*Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1912	*Wm. Chambers .	*Ed. M. Walker .	*Lynd S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher .	*T. Harry Webb .	*James A. Oras . . .	*John Colwell . . .	*Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1913	*Ed. M. Walker .	*Lynd S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher .	*Percy E. Kellett .	*T. Harry Webb .	*James A. Oras . . .	Robert L. Ross . .	*Rev. Sydney D. Thomas
1914	*Lynd S. Vaughan	*William Fenwick	Henry E. Bletcher .	*Percy E. Kellett .	*T. Harry Webb .	*James A. Oras . . .	*J. M. Robinson .	*Rev. Peter E. Scott

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12TH OF MAY, 1875,
AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER—Continued.

Entered Year	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1915	*William Fenwick.	Henry E. Bletcher.	*Percy E. Kellett.	Ed. T. Greenway.	*T. Harry Webb.	*James A. Oras...	*Jno. Macwhirter	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1916	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett.	Ed. T. Greenway.	*Alex. McIntyre	*James G. Dagg.	*James A. Oras...	C. F. Hasselfield.	*Rev. James S. Miller
1917	*Percy E. Kellett.	Ed. T. Greenway.	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher.	*James G. Dagg.	*James A. Oras...	*Rev. J. Jackson.	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1918	Ed. T. Greenway.	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher.	*Geo. N. Jackson.	*James G. Dagg.	*James A. Oras...	.....	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1919	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher.	*Geo. N. Jackson.	*Rev. A. B. Baird.	Wm. J. Major.	*James A. Oras...	.....	Rev. James W. Anderson
1920	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson.	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major.	Jabez Miller	*James A. Oras...	.....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1921	*Geo. N. Jackson.	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major.	Jas. S. MacEwing.	Jabez Miller	*James A. Oras...	.....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1922	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major.	Jas. S. MacEwing.	A. L. Crossin.	Jabez Miller	*James A. Oras...	.....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1923	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing.	Albert L. Crossin.	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*James A. Oras...	.....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somerset
1924	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin.	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	James Mackie	*James A. Oras...	.....	*Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1925	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	James Mackie	*James A. Oras...	.....	*Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1926	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	William Douglas.	William Douglas.	James Mackie	*James A. Oras...	.....	*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1927	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas.	George Hunter	James Mackie	*James A. Oras...	.....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1928	*Murdo A. Whimster.	William Douglas.	George Hunter	Norman J. Black.	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Oras...	.....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1929	William Douglas.	George Hunter	Norman J. Black.	David S. Woods.	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Oras...	.....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1930	George Hunter	Norman J. Black.	David S. Woods.	James Mackie	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Oras...	.....	Rev. G. A. Woodside
1931	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods.	James Mackie	Henry L. Adolph.	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Oras...	.....	Rev. G. A. Woodside
1932	David S. Woods.	James Mackie	Henry L. Adolph.	Royal Burritt	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Oras...	.....	Rt. Rev. W. W. Thomas
1933	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph.	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Oras...	.....	H. Thomas
1934	*Henry L. Adolph.	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	John T. Boyd.	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Oras...	.....	Rev. George R. Calvert

PROCEEDINGS OF THE (Winnipeg

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12th OF MAY, 1875,
AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER—Continued.

When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1935	Royal Burritt ..	Harry Woods ..	John T. Boyd ..	Robert Hawkins ..	Alex. Burgess ..	J. H. G. Russell ..	Rev. George R. Calvert ..	
1936	Harry Woods ..	John T. Boyd ..	Robert Hawkins ..	W. D. Lawrence ..	Alex. Burgess ..	J. H. G. Russell ..	Rev. Thomas Neville ..	
1937	John T. Boyd ..	Robert Hawkins ..	W. D. Lawrence ..	J. J. Henderson ..	Alex. Burgess ..	J. H. G. Russell ..	Rev. Harry Sherstone ..	
1938	Robert Hawkins ..	W. D. Lawrence ..	J. J. Henderson ..	Rev. G. R. Calvert ..	Alex. Burgess ..	J. H. G. Russell ..	Rev. Harry Sherstone ..	
1939	W. D. Lawrence ..	J. J. Henderson ..	Rev. G. R. Calvert ..	S. H. Fahrni ..	Alex. Burgess ..	J. H. G. Russell ..	Rev. P. T. Pilkey ..	
1940	J. J. Henderson ..	Rev. G. R. Calvert ..	S. H. Fahrni ..	Ben C. Parker ..	Alex. Burgess ..	J. H. G. Russell ..	Rev. P. T. Pilkey ..	
1941	Canon G. R. Calvert ..	S. H. Fahrni ..	Ben C. Parker ..	Sam Burland ..	Alex. Burgess ..	J. H. G. Russell ..	Rev. P. T. Pilkey ..	
1942	S. H. Fahrni ..	Ben C. Parker ..	Sam Burland ..	Rev. P. T. Pilkey ..	Alex Burgess ..	J. H. G. Russell ..	Rev. J. L. McInnis ..	
1943	Ben C. Parker ..	Sam Burland ..	Rev. P. T. Pilkey ..	M. S. Donovan ..	Alex. Burgess ..	J. H. G. Russell ..	Rev. J. L. McInnis ..	
1944	Sam. Burland ..	Rev. Dr. P. T. Pilkey ..	M. S. Donovan ..	H. B. Donnelly ..	Alex. Burgess ..	J. H. G. Russell ..	Rev. H. B. Wallace ..	
1945	Rev. Dr. P. T. Pilkey ..	M. S. Donovan ..	H. B. Donnelly ..	W. C. McDonald ..	Alex. Burgess ..	J. H. G. Russell ..	Rev. H. B. Wallace ..	

• Dead

† Removed from Jurisdiction

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's.....	Winnipeg.....	Rev. Fred Hughes.....	G. G. Teeter.....	Third Tuesday
2	Lisgar.....	Selkirk.....	L. C. Coates.....	John Veitch.....	Third Tuesday
3	Ancient Landmark.....	Winnipeg.....	C. S. Coates.....	W. F. Hutton.....	Third Monday
4	St. John's.....	Winnipeg.....	P. S. Adamson.....	Jas. Mackie.....	First Wednesday
5	Emerson.....	Emerson.....	G. J. Long.....	Len. Hart.....	First Wednesday
6	Assinibine.....	Portage la Prairie.....	E. E. Smith.....	R. A. Price.....	Third Monday
7	King Solomon.....	Morris.....	R. S. Davidson.....	O. B. Cossitt.....	Second Tuesday
8	North Light.....	Winnipeg.....	G. M. Ross.....	D. A. Ross.....	Third Thursday
10	Gladstone.....	Gladstone.....	D. P. Lobb.....	E. J. Crosswell.....	Second Monday
11	Stonewall.....	Stonewall.....	S. B. Brindley.....	J. F. McPhedran.....	First Thursday
12	Morden.....	Morden.....	G. N. Bonny.....	M. MacLean.....	Third Thursday
13	Prince of Wales.....	Minnedosa.....	Allan Murray.....	P. C. Carlson.....	Second Thursday
14	Corinthian.....	Rapid City.....	J. G. Shand.....	Arthur Dennis.....	First Tuesday
15	Brandon.....	Brandon.....	W. A. Wood.....	A. G. Warr.....	Second Tuesday
19	Neepawa.....	Neepawa.....	C. W. Martin.....	Arthur Clark.....	Second Tuesday
24	Ionic.....	Winnipeg.....	R. Fletcher Argue.....	M. Coban.....	First Monday
25	Glenwood.....	Souris.....	J. H. Turner.....	W. W. Colman.....	Fourth on or before full moon
27	Carberry.....	Carberry.....	R. J. Hood.....	C. P. Rogers.....	First Tuesday
29	Manitou.....	Manitou.....	W. J. Howe.....	B. J. W. Cruikshank.....	First Tuesday
30	Doré.....	Bonnevaux.....	R. W. Clark.....	B. Grant.....	Fourth Tuesday
36	Birtle.....	Birtle.....	W. B. Hawes.....	F. C. Barber.....	Third Monday
39	Deloraine.....	Deloraine.....	Hugh Wallace.....	J. Wat. Thomson.....	Third Wednesday
40	Lebanon.....	Virlein.....	H. H. Allen.....	W. L. Cann.....	First Tuesday
43	Oak Lake.....	Oak Lake.....	J. H. Wallace.....	P. W. Paul.....	Second Thursday
44	Glenboro.....	Glenboro.....	Frank H. Bridge.....	A. S. Haines.....	Second Tuesday
48	Temple.....	MacGregor.....	J. L. Lamb.....	H. I. Collins.....	Third Tuesday
49	Killarney.....	Killarney.....	A. M. Dempsey.....	J. C. Bates.....	Third Monday
50	Treheme.....	Treheme.....	Paul Dupasquier.....	H. A. Adair.....	Friday on or before full moon
51	Hartney.....	Hartney.....	B. S. Roper.....	J. L. Crowe.....	First Tuesday
52	Oriental.....	Melita.....	W. V. McCleure.....	J. G. Cobb.....	Third Monday
54	East Star.....	Gretta.....	D. A. McQuarrie.....	G. G. McEdward.....	Second Tuesday
55	Russell.....	Russell.....	J. E. McNeil.....	C. E. Whitmer.....	Second Wednesday
62	Holland.....	Holland.....	B. Olson.....	F. H. Daegz.....	Second Wednesday
63	Composite.....	Alexander.....	J. J. Jeffery.....	A. D. Blair.....	Third Monday
64	Wawanesa.....	Wawanesa.....	C. L. Atkinson.....	J. C. Beveridge.....	Monday on or before full moon
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LODGE DIRECTORY—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	P. O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
68	Vermillion	Deuphin	W. L. Bullmore	H. D. Brewer	First Tuesday
70	Shiloh	Toland	G. A. Brown	C. H. Glover	Second Thursday
71	Crystal	Crystal City	J. M. Howatt	R. H. Livesley	Second Tuesday
74	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	J. B. Williams	H. J. Jones	Fourth Tuesday
75	Gothic	Austin	C. B. Freeborn	F. J. Hall	Second Wednesday
77	Napinka	Cypress River	J. O. Hassett	F. A. Taylor	First Thursday
82	Cypress	Haniota	J. D. Brine	R. I. Connon	First Thursday
84	Hamiota	Elgin	Wm. Dillon	E. P. Venables	Fourth Tuesday
86	Elgin	Rathwell	R. J. Draper	E. J. Smillie	Second Tuesday
87	Rathwell	Miami	W. A. Caswell	E. B. Litz	Tuesday on or before full moon
30	Midlothian	Shoal Lake	L. P. Birmingham	A. C. Orchard (Actg.)	Third Monday
92	King Edward	Winnipeg	M. R. Casselman	C. H. Nixon	Second Thursday
93	Hiram	Grandview	T. H. Rhodes	S. A. Restall	Third Wednesday
94	Robbie Burns	Gilbert Plains	D. S. Mills	D. N. McIntyre	Third Thursday
100	Binscarth	Binscarth	S. W. Fox	M. D. Snyder	Second Wednesday
101	Minota	Minota	John Matheson	M. E. Clegg	Third Monday
102	Crescent	Elm Creek	Alva E. Brad	W. H. Yarwood	Fourth Thursday
103	Reston	Reston	L. E. Millar	R. H. Wood	First Wednesday
104	Prince Arthur	Swan River	H. W. Lau	A. K. Cates	Second Thursday
105	Stratclair	Stratclair	E. L. Cottingham	J. Livesey	First Thursday
106	Lansdowne	Griswold	J. M. Sinclair	H. W. Clark	Tuesday on or before full moon
107	Union	Brookdale	R. M. McMillan	J. G. McMillan	Fourth Wednesday
108	Swan Lake	Swan Lake	L. H. Mitchell	W. H. Clegg	First Thursday
109	Kilwinning	Min.-o.	H. I. Skinner	G. O. Couch	Wednesday on or before full moon
110	Acacia	Winnipeg	E. V. Sands	Rev. J. B. Francis	Second Monday
111	Ophir	Beausejour	J. R. Gray	Wm. Dewar	Second Wednesday
112	Tweed	Brandon	B. Warkentin	Wm. Craik	First Friday
113	"The Assiniboine"	Winnipeg	Philip Hammonds	Ed. Braun	Third Tuesday
114	Rivers	Rivers	W. C. Graham	O. E. MacQuoid	First Tuesday
115	St. Andrews	Wellwood	F. D. Taylor	R. G. Sinclair	Last Monday
116	Strattona	Belmont	S. L. Feidle	G. W. Wells	Monday on or after full moon
117	Mound	Pilot Mound	W. A. Brisee	Wm. Owen	Tuesday on or before full moon
118	Norwood	Norwood	D. L. McLeod	R. E. Hicks	Fourth Thursday
119	Penza	Dominion City	E. A. Collins	W. M. Summers	Second Thursday
120				A. G. Froom	Fourth Tuesday

LODGE DIRECTORY—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	P. O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
121	St. James	St. James	F. W. Piper	Thos. King	Second Wednesday
122	Roblin	Roblin	C. T. Argent	Geo. Kelso	Second Monday
123	Transcona	Transcona	F. G. Harvey	F. G. Turner	First Friday
124	The Pas	The Pas	Waldmar Horester	G. A. Williams	First Wednesday
125	Patricia	Sperling	A. B. Campbell	O. R. Brown	First Wednesday
126	Favel	Minitonas	J. E. Burnett	H. Lain	First Tuesday
127	Empire	Winnipeg	John Ford	Jas. Wardrope	Second Monday
128	Victory	Benito	J. A. McDonald	C. F. Drager	Third Wednesday
130	Fort Garry	Winnipeg	J. W. Wilson	W. D. G. Ramjons	Second Wednesday
131	Kildonan	Winnipeg	W. S. Page	C. M. Smillie	Second Tuesday
132	Sprague	Sprague	Wm. McCarthy	Thos. McCarthy	Second Wednesday
133	McCreary	McCreary	J. W. Buchanan	T. E. Squire	Second Thursday
134	Stony Mountain	Stony Mountain	R. L. Walker	Rev. W. R. Wood	First Wednesday
135	Capitol	Winnipeg	S. H. Stevens	George Newman	First Friday
137	Lord Selkirk	Lord Selkirk	H. D. L. James	G. R. Mackay	Second Wednesday
138	Windsor	St. Vital	E. P. Tod	H. B. Donnelly	Second Monday
139	Beaver	Winnipeg	A. W. Phelps	S. W. Robertson	Second Thursday
140	Meridian	Winnipeg	W. G. Felsey	Jas. Mowat	Third Thursday
141	Tuscan	Winnipeg	Reg. Lane	A. R. Simpson	Second Friday
142	Harmony	Cardale	R. H. English	S. W. Smith	Third Thursday
143	Mt. Siaoi	Winnipeg	H. A. Kaplan	F. B. Dubinsky	Fourth Thursday
144	Fort Osborne	Winnipeg	G. Y. Cook	T. J. Booth	First Tuesday
145	Sturgeon Creek	Sturgeon Creek	H. F. Giller	E. W. Browne	Second Monday
146	Fidelity	Winnipeg	H. S. Flanigan	George Florence	Third Friday
147	Jubilee	Bowsman	Henry Mullin	Henry Stevens	Second Thursday
148	Seven Oaks	Winnipeg	H. Thompson	E. J. Scott	Second Friday
150	Cartwright	Cartwright	C. N. Wallace	W. H. Newton	Third Tuesday
151	The Dormer	Winnipeg	C. H. Wells	R. W. Ross	First Tuesday
152	Foxwaren	Foxwaren	W. R. Hall	V. G. Hilcox	First Wednesday
153	Flin Flon	Flin Flon	A. T. Heyland	S. E. T. Dodd	First Tuesday
154	Pine Falls	Pine Falls	G. A. Stewart	Wm. Bird	Second Friday
155	Carman	Carman	A. E. Snewfelt	J. A. Leslie	Third Tuesday
156	Manitowapa	Moosehorn	H. S. Rutherford	W. A. L. Armstrong	Third Monday

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1944

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instanted	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died	Membership Dec. 31, 1943	Membership Dec. 31, 1944
1	Prince Rupert's Lisgar.....	7	3	3	2	3	3	4	5	9	401	397
2	Ancient Landmar	9	9	4	2	1	2	3	5	10	111	113
3	St. John's.....	11	11	7	2	6	4	4	10	13	345	345
4	Emerson.....	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	13	572	574
6	Assiniboine.....	21	21	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	63	61
8	King Solomon.....	4	4	4	4	2	1	1	1	7	184	198
10	Northern Light.....	10	10	10	10	5	1	4	1	1	65	70
11	Gladstone.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	11	269	270
12	Stonewall.....	3	3	2	2	5	1	1	1	2	2	71
13	Morden.....	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	84
14	Prince of Wales.....	9	9	9	9	6	1	1	1	1	1	91
15	Corinthian.....	5	5	5	5	5	1	2	1	1	1	77
19	Brandon.....	4	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	109
24	Neepawa.....	13	13	11	4	4	6	6	5	1	1	94
25	Ionic.....	19	14	15	3	1	5	5	5	1	1	55
27	Glenwood.....	26	24	22	22	1	2	2	2	1	1	134
29	Carberry.....	8	8	8	8	1	4	4	4	1	1	158
30	Manitou.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	66
36	Doric.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	57	55
39	Birtle.....	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	81
40	Deloraine.....	5	4	3	2	2	4	4	4	1	41	42
43	Lebanon.....	11	8	9	5	5	1	1	1	1	4	70
44	Oak Lake.....	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	86	98
48	Glenboro.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	34
49	Temple.....	10	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	2	50	50

STABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1944—Continued

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1944—Continued

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instituted	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Died	Member-	Member-
											ship Dec. 31, 1943	ship Dec. 31, 1944
104	Reston.....	14	14	4	4	1	...	...	...	3	113	126
105	Prince Arthur.....	4	4	3	3	...	...	...	...	1	65	69
106	Strachlawn.....	3	3	5	5	1	3	...	...	2	41	42
107	Lansdowne.....	5	5	5	5	...	...	...	...	3	42	42
108	Union.....	6	5	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	38	44
109	Swan Lake.....	3	6	6	6	...	...	...	...	1	26	28
110	Killwinning.....	7	7	6	6	1	1	...	...	1	48	55
111	Acacia.....	4	3	3	2	1	1	...	...	4	192	195
112	Ophir.....	4	4	4	4	1	3	2	1	1	53	57
113	Tweed.....	13	12	12	4	1	4	...	...	8	236	242
114	“The Assiniboine”	13	...	...	6	1	1	...	...	6	321	333
115	Rivers.....	12	12	8	...	...	1	...	...	3	53	61
116	St. Andrews.....	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	34	35
117	Strathcona.....	7	6	3	1	...	1	...	...	1	60	66
118	Mound.....	...	1	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	60	59
119	Norwood.....	6	6	6	6	7	1	...	...	5	177	186
120	Penza.....	...	...	18	18	3	1	2	...	...	33	33
121	St. James.....	18	18	18	18	2	1	2	...	3	161	178
122	Roblin.....	7	7	7	7	...	...	...	...	1	36	42
123	Transcona.....	10	11	11	11	2	2	...	...	3	119	128
124	The Pas.....	6	8	5	5	2	1	1	...	2	90	96
125	Patricia.....	2	2	2	2	1	1	...	...	28	31	31
126	Favel.....	3	2	2	2	1	1	...	...	40	39	39
127	Empire.....	7	7	2	2	...	...	1	...	1	119	125
128	Victory.....	3	3	3	3	...	2	1	...	1	35	35
129	Shellmouth.....	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	18	18	18

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1944—Continued

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instituted	Demitted	Suspended N.P.D.	Suspended U.M.C.	Membership Dec. 31, 1943		Membership Dec. 31, 1944	
										Died	189	Died	191
30	Fort Garry.....	10	5	5	10	4	6	3	3	2	90	94	
31	Kildonan.....	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	24	24	
32	Sprague.....	...	...	2	3	2	1	2	2	1	36	38	
33	McCreary.....	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	47	
34	Stony Mountain..	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	164	170	
36	Capitol.....	8	5	5	7	2	1	2	1	1	96	99	
37	Lord Selkirk.....	2	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	115	118	
38	Windsor.....	6	5	5	5	1	1	3	1	1	205	221	
39	Beaver.....	8	8	8	6	3	3	1	1	1	6	265	
40	Meridian.....	15	14	18	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	257	
41	Tuscan.....	7	7	5	1	2	2	2	1	1	64	71	
42	Harmony.....	4	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	24	28	
43	Mt. Sinai.....	5	5	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	213	
44	Fort Osborne.....	5	5	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	114	118	
45	Surgeon Creek.....	8	10	10	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	85	
46	Fidelity.....	12	12	14	3	3	1	1	1	2	115	128	
47	Jubilee.....	5	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	44	50	
48	Seven Oaks.....	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	91	90	
50	Cartwright.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	32	
51	The Dormer.....	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	47	
52	Foxwarren.....	4	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	32	37	
53	Flin Flon.....	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	100	99	
54	Pine Falls.....	4	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	42	46	
55	Carman.....	8	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	53	57	
56	Manitouwapa	8	8	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	44	51	

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1944

No. of Lodge	Name	Meetings Held		Non-Resident Members		Resident Members		No. of Mem. in arrear	Total of all Arrear-ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total		Aver. Atten.	Mem. of Members										
1	Prince Rupert's	9	1	10	120	2773	72	25	220.00	550.80	2669.24	602.57	17756.73	1500.00	Active	1	Rent
3	Ancient Landmark	9	2	11	71	46.4	84	35	424.00	335.00	510.02	344.00	30466.29	2900.00	Active	1	Rent
4	St. John's.....	9	9	18	115	19.6	63	930.00	180.00	1071.00	2512.00	30660.00	6250.00	Active	1	Rent	
10	Northern Light.....	9	2	11	74	19.6	63	168.00	316.50	447.84	135.00	10015.06	1500.00	Active	1	Rent	
20	Ionic	10	10	20	129	37.65	86	53	695.00	185.35	1719.88	552.50	45082.72	500.00	Active	1	Rent
25	King Edward.....	9	8	17	70	22.8	85	30	352.00	186.93	1382.93	201.25	7837.86	1600.00	Active	1	Rent
93	Acacia.....	9	3	12	46	14.9	40	38	406.00	220.05	486.42	588.25	7852.34	1000.00	Active	1	Rent
111	'The Assiniboine'	10	5	15	77	25.5	63	14	140.00	149.67	1100.00	383.00	15317.00	1500.00	Active	1	Rent
114	Norwood.....	9	4	13	29	15.7	56	27	344.00	70.52	181.36	303.63	6019.83	7200.00	Active	1	Own
119	St. James.....	9	10	19	29	14.4	50	20	175.00	211.25	578.16	1097.44	5116.60	1000.00	Active	1	Rent
121	Empire.....	9	1	10	105	38	15	164.00	253.80	359.74	488.26	4429.93	3000.00	Active	1	Own	

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING
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No. of Lodge	Name	Reg.	Emer.	Total	Non-Resident Members	Aver. Atten.	Mem. of Members	No. of Mem. in arrear	Total of all Arrear-ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
7	Assiniboine.....	10	19	29	78	12.0	50	38	312.00	7.00	1307.08	4247.75	14881.40	16000.00	Active	1	Own
11	Gladstone.....	12	3	15	45	2.4	20	8	70.00	25.00	550.00	Nil	550.00	3500.00	Active	1	Own
24	Neepawa.....	10	13	23	66	7.5	35	2	105.00	41.00	328.07	1710.53	3190.34	Nil	Active	1	Rent
29	Carberry.....	12	5	17	34	1.7	5	190.00	45.73	500.95	97.25	2803.70	1500.00	Active	1	Own	
49	Temple.....	12	3	15	34	3.9	20	10	250.00	161.83	284.00	Nil	3000.00	2700.00	Active	1	Own
75	Gothic.....	10	2	12	31	2.8	18	1	35.00	Nil	548.50	Nil	1500.00	1500.00	Dorm.	1	Own
108	Union.....	10	2	12	21	2.3	17	3	30.00	Nil	97.39	Nil	2147.39	1300.00	Active	1	Rent
116	St. Andrews.....	10	1	11	14	1.4	14	2	72.00	35.00	225.00	Nil	1400.00	200.00	Dorm.	1	Own
133	McCreary.....	12	2	14	11	2.7	18	2	44.04	43.84	33.28	Nil	827.28	400.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1944

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	No. of Mem- bers in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge, Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total												
48	Glenboro	12	1	13	19	31	15	9	77.00	98.10	389.95	60.00	329.95	350.00	Active	1
51	Treherne	11	2	13	17	21	11	4	30.00	35.00	220.11	54.29	205.29	150.00	Active	1
63	Holland	10	2	12	12	19	21	4	30.00	35.00	349.61	30.00	320.11	300.00	Active	1
67	Wawanesa	13	3	16	14	34	20	7	106.00	35.25	250.00	61.61	349.61	250.00	Active	1
82	Cypress	10	1	11	16	23	11	9	55.00	25.00	1212.00	128.00	1250.00	1250.00	Active	1
87	Hathwell	8	3	11	7	13	9	4	32.00	30.00	183.26	11.95	471.31	300.00	Active	1
103	Crescent	9	3	12	13	45	25	2	30.00	80.15	59.09	11.95	762.00	300.00	Active	1
109	Swan Lake	9	1	10	11	17	12	4	72.00	12.00	136.04	124.46	200.00	200.00	Active	1
117	Strathcona	13	2	15	20	46	18	17	114.00	.....	.....	.....	1506.95	500.00	Active	1

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1944

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	No. of Mem- bers in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge, Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total												
13	Morden	10	2	12	44	33	26	7	71.00	47.00	139.89	214.59	Nil	500.00	Active	1
30	Manitou	10	2	12	27	28	15	4	47.00	64.20	290.20	297.24	Nil	350.00	Active	1
36	Doric	11	2	13	21	58	19	11	119.00	50.00	7.88	261.28	Nil	250.00	Active	1
50	Killarney	10	1	11	22	42	14	10	50.00	47.00	179.39	1381.24	Nil	643.88	Nil	Rent
71	Crystal	12	4	16	16	33	21	3	24.00	27.35	210.72	784.72	Nil	100.00	Active	1
118	Mound	12	..	12	19	39	15	4	24.00	27.35	186.46	561.46	Nil	200.00	Active	1
150	Cartwright	11	7	11	14	18	14	7	77.00	54.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1944

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			No. of Members	Resident Members	Non-Resident Members	Avg. Atten. of Members	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Condition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits C.M.S.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?	
		Reg.	Emer.	Total														
14	Prince of Wales	12	1	13	27	74	29	26	144.00	.....	118.72	591.28	6735.44	6000.00	Active	1	Own
15	Corinthian	15	3	18	7	48	19	6	46.00	.....	54.12	29.15	2914.12	1800.00	Active	1	Own
39	Birtle	11	11	22	1.5	27	13	7	45.00	.....	100.51	3033.00	1500.00	1200.00	Active	1	Rent
62	Russell	10	..	10	1.0	1.5	3.3	1.6	3	21.00	314.41	45.63	342.84	200.00	Active	1	Rent	
84	Hamota	12	12	24	1.2	8	4.1	1.3	4	30.00	23.80	342.84	342.84	2250.69	1500.00	Active	1	Rent
92	Shoal Lake	12	1	13	1.1	3.8	4.0	1.8	13	105.50	258.55	189.90	2250.69	1500.00	Active	1	Rent	
101	Binsearch	10	1	11	1.1	1.1	1.8	2.2	240.00	13.00	140.45	213.10	796.00	500.00	Active	1	Own	
102	Minota	11	..	11	1.1	20	37	18	6	40.00	180.32	2825.32	1825.00	1300.00	Active	1	Own
106	Stratclair	11	1	12	1.5	12	17	8	71.00	.....	265.62	46.14	1919.48	1100.00	Active	1	Rent
115	Rivers	12	1	13	2.6	3.3	12	9	89.50	.....	955.44	.....	321.84	500.00	Active	1	Rent
142	Harmony	9	10	19	1.1	1.8	11	13	70.00	.....	321.84	391.84	1800.00	167.20	Active	1	Own
152	Foxwarren	12	1	13	1.1	1.1	2.8	14	29.00	2.80	2.80	2.80	1800.00	1300.00	Active	1	Own	

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER 1944

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1944

No. of Lodges	NAME	Meetings Held			Resident Mem- bers	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers in at- tendance	No. Mem. 12 Mo- ths	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- di- tion of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total												
19	Brandon	10	6	16	66	120	35	5	246.00	149.26	1192.09	735.59	8972.15	300.00	Active	Rent
43	Lebanon	11	4	15	51	47	27	1	86.95	201.05	358.38	187.10	1058.23	300.00	Active	Rent
44	Oak Lake	8	1	9	19	20	20	0	78.00	40.00	513.57	... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ...	2000.00	1300.00	Active	Own
64	Composite	9	2	11	19	28	20	18	78.00	... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ...	120.16	120.16	1697.07	... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ...	Active	Own
74	Elkhorn	11	3	14	23	21	13	6	380.00	46.70	283.27	132.50	150.77	... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ...	Active	Own
107	Lansdowne	9	4	13	10	32	18	31	380.00	46.70	139.68	316.98	500.00	540.00	Active	Rent
113	Tweed	10	12	22	76	158	35	47	312.00	208.58	316.98	237.25	18338.98	Active	Own

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6	Emerson	12	2	14	28	33	17	3	131.00	639.11	5139.11	3700.00	Active	1
8	King Solomon . . .	10	4	14	33	33	20	1	16.00	248.51	1748.51	1500.00	Active	1
55	East Star	8	2	10	32	7	5	8	209.25	.....	244.26	60.32	1539.91	900.00	Active	1
70	Shiloh	10	1	11	22	49	25	1	44.00	15.00	305.00	.....	3555.00	250.00	Active	1
90	Middleton	9	..	9	27	38	18	16	300.00	.....	450.25	.....	950.25	500.00	Active	1
120	Penza	8	..	9	10	23	10	..	60.00	.....	178.46	.....	1678.46	1500.00	Active	1
125	Patricia	12	1	13	12	19	17	1	76.00	.....	277.13	65.00	812.13	300.00	Active	1
182	Sprague	9	..	9	14	7	4	106.00	.....	43.00	.....	543.00	500.00	Active	1	
155	Carman	10	1	11	10	48	25	..	24.00	.....	189.98	.....	814.48	500.00	Active	1

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1944

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non- Resi- dent Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	No. of Men. 12 mons. in arrears	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- di- tion of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Enter.	Total													
68	Vermillion	10	3	13	73	99	24	149.21	169.04	464.25	224.00	6406.76	2000.00	Active	1	Rent	
94	Hiram	11	1	12	20	50	4	20.00	....	232.25	154.50	2715.50	1750.00	Active	1	Own
100	Robbie Burns	12	0	12	12	18	7	54.00	....	82.41	62.00	4588.00	2000.00	Active	1	Rent
105	Prince Arthur	12	3	15	26	43	5	70.00	10.00	155.20	....	....	450.00	Active	1	Rent
122	Roblin	12	8	15	9	33	1	10.00	....	206.60	....	1380.00	750.00	Active	1	Own
126	Favel	11	1	12	9	30	16	100.00	....	214.58	850.00	1500.00	1500.00	Active	1	Own
128	Victory	9	2	11	15	25	11	77.00	....	94.16	....	300.00	300.00	Active	1	Rent
147	Jubilee	12	2	14	21	30	17	111.00	10.00	213.94	46.75	427.19	10.00	Active	1	Rent	

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1944

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non- Resi- dent Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	No. of Men. 12 mons. in arrears	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- di- tion of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?	
		Reg.	Enter.	Total														
2	Lisgar	11	4	15	36	77	31	6	140.00	....	159.78	....	3000.00	2700.00	Active	1	Own
12	Stonewall	12	1	13	34	58	30	49	15	48.00	130.74	149.00	30.00	2337.00	1400.00	Active	1	Own
112	Opair	12	1	13	8	49	7	52.00	20.00	12.26	....	4352.00	4300.00	Active	1	Own	
123	Transcona	10	5	15	20	108	11	428.00	118.00	347.65	....	2943.52	500.00	Active	1	Rent	
131	Kildonan	9	2	11	11	83	34	14	172.50	181.25	749.25	103.17	3398.29	450.00	Active	1	Own	
134	Stony Mountain	11	1	11	30	17	11	8	90.00	20.00	235.89	....	2135.89	1400.00	Active	1	Own
148	Seven Oaks	10	1	11	14	76	37	12	103.00	35.50	108.37	39.45	5723.13	1000.00	Active	1	Rent	
151	The Dormer	9	1	10	5	44	24	4	40.00	80.04	146.82	1029.79	500.00	Active	1	Rent		
154	Pine Falls	12	1	13	18	28	11	3	14.00	35.00	153.64	54.50	1814.94	400.00	Active	1	Rent	
156	Manitowapa	8	11	11	41	22	..	..	..	29.43	445.08	58.75	994.89	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1944

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Resi- dent Mem- bers	Non- Resi- dent Mem- bers	No. of Mem- bers in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total												
130	Fort Garry.....	9	4	13	41	150	60	28	303.00	252.05	225.99	256.42	4325.62	1,000.00	Active	1
136	Capitol.....	10	5	15	32	138	50	31	260.00	225.00	560.32	1700.00	1000.00	1000.00	Active	1
137	Lord Selkirk.....	9	0	9	22	77	37	17	160.00	116.50	786.22	105.00	4069.40	250.00	Active	1
138	Windsor.....	9	1	10	17	103	44	16	315.50	277.60	234.54	682.00	14080.94	12000.00	Active	1
139	Beaver.....	9	3	12	48	69	55	35	480.00	400.00	642.48	165.00	4056.75	500.00	Active	1
140	Meridian.....	9	3	12	48	211	75	50	290.21	573.89	346.00	10949.50	300.00	300.00	Active	1
141	Tuscan.....	10	..	10	17	56	25	11	94.75	193.63	400.96	1475.71	350.00	350.00	Active	1
143	Mount Sinai.....	9	9	29	188	60	6	60.00	168.00	714.12	1107.82	7401.79	500.00	Active	1	
144	Fort Osborne.....	9	3	12	31	87	40	13	130.15	152.41	344.29	185.00	3171.30	500.00	Active	1
145	Surgeon Creek.....	9	5	14	20	76	55	2	16.00	117.70	80.00	2515.28	400.00	400.00	Active	1
146	Fidelity.....	9	3	12	7	121	42	10	100.00	238.84	804.42	100.00	3870.09	200.00	Active	1

STATISTICAL REPORT OF LODGES UNDER SPECIAL SUPERVISION OF THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1944.

124	The Pas.....	10	3	13	48	48	..	18	187.00	..	7.50	10974.47	1306.15	6400.00	1	1	Own
153	Fin Flon.....	10	10	20	46	53	..	8	60.00	..	150.00	2789.52	6204.25	5000.00	1	1	Own

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Alabama	Guy T. Smith	Montgomery
Alberta	George Moore	Calgary
Alpina	F. Muller-Kuegg	Berne, Switzerland
Arizona	Harry A. Drachman	Tucson
Arkansas	W. A. Thomas	Little Rock
British Columbia	W. R. Simpson	Vancouver—692 Seymour Ave.
California	Lloyd E. Wilson	San Francisco
Canada (in Ontario)	Ewart G. Dixon	Hamilton, P.O. Drawer 217
Chili	Reno Court	Santiago
Colombia	Jose G. Fabre	Bogota, Apartado 2519
Colorado	Américo Carnicelli (Ext.)	Denver, 319 Masonic Temple.
Connecticut	H. W. Bundy	Hartford
Costa Rica	Winthrop Buck	San Jose, Apt. "Y"
Cuba	Enrique Chaves Bolanos	Havana, Apartado 72
Delaware	Dr. Constantino Pais	Wilmington, 813 Market St.
Denmark	Chester R. Jones	Copenhagen, 23 Blegdamsvej.
District of Columbia	A. T. K. Troedsson	Washington, D. C.
Ecuador	Aubrey H. Clayton	Guayaquil
England	Jose A. Vallejo Ycaza	London
Egypt	Sydney A. White	Cairo, Box 148
Florida	Mohammed Bey Riffatt	Jacksonville (2)
France, G. L.	Geo. W. Huff	Guatemala City
France, N. G. L.	Pedro Domínguez O.	Macon
Guatemala	Daniel W. Locklin	Honduras, C. A.
Georgia	Constantino S. Ramos	Boise, P.O. Box 1667
Honduras, C. A.	Clyde I. Rush	Harrisburg
Idaho	R. C. Davenport	Indianapolis
Illinois	William H. Swintz	Cedar Rapids
Indiana	Earl B. Dalzell	Dublin
Iowa	Henry C. Shellard	Topeka
Ireland	Elmer F. Strain	Louisville, 200 Shubert Bldg.
Kansas	Al E. Orton	New Orleans
Kentucky	D. Peter Laguens Jr.	Portland
Louisiana	Convers E. Leach	Winnipeg
Maine	J. H. G. Russell	Baltimore
Manitoba	Claud Shaffer	Boston, 51 Boylston Ave.
Maryland	Frank H. Hilton	Mexico City, D.F. Apt. 1896.
Massachusetts	Fred T. Berger	Grand Rapids
Mexico, York G. D.	F. Homer Newton	St. Paul
Michigan	John H. Anderson	Meridian, Box 1030
Minnesota	Sid F. Curtis	Kansas City
Mississippi	Harold L. Reader	Helena
Missouri	Luther T. Hauberg	Omaha
Montana	Lewis E. Smith	Carson City, 500 Mountain St.
Nebraska	E. C. Peterson	Saint John, P.O. Box 430.
Netherlands	R. D. Magee	Concord, 44 S. Main St.
Nevada	J. Melvin Dresser	
New Brunswick		
New Hampshire		

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New South Wales	Jas. S. Miller	Sydney
New York	Charles H. Johnson	New York
New Zealand	H. A. Lamb	Christchurch, C. I. P.O. Box 1293
North Carolina	John H. Anderson	Raleigh
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Northern China, D.G.L.		
Norway		
Nova Scotia	R. V. Harris	Halifax
Ohio	Harry S. Johnson	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	Claude A. Sturgeon	Guthrie
Oregon	Harry D. Proudfoot	Portland
Panama	Andres Mojica	Panama, Apartado 84 . .
Paraiba	Augusto de Almeida Simoes	Paraiba Brazil, P.O. Box 3
Pennsylvania	Matthew Galt, Jr.	Philadelphia
Philippine Islands		
Puerto Rico	Rodolfo Ramirez Pabon	San Juan
Prince Edward Island	L. A. McDougall	Charlottetown, P.O. Box 112.
Quebec		
Queensland	W. W. Williamson	Montreal
Rhone Island	Leslie P. Marks	Brisbane, Box 675K, G.P.O.
Rio de Janeiro	H. L. McAuslan	Providence
Santa Domingo	Dionysio Coutinho	Rio de Janeiro, P.O. Box 2215
Saskatchewan	Jose Marie Perez Andujar	Santa Domingo
Sao Paulo	Robert A. Tate	Regina
Scotland	Joffre Prestes	Sao Paulo, Brazil, P.O. Box 261
South Africa	W. King Gillies	Edinburgh, 96 George St.
South Australia	F. L. Knight	Cape Town
South Carolina	R. Owen Fox	Adelaide
South Dakota	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
Tasmania	E. F. Strain	Sioux Falls
Tennessee	W. H. Strutt	Hobart
Texas	Thomas E. Doss	Nashville, P.O. Box 216
Utah	George H. Belew	Waco
Vermont	E. R. Gibson	Salt Lake City
Victoria	Aaron H. Grout	Burlington
Vienna	William Stewart	Melbourne, 25 Collins St.
Virginia		
Washington	James F. Clift	Richmond
West Virginia	John L. Preisener	Tacoma
Western Australia	I. Wade Coffman	Charleston, P.O. Box 2346
Wisconsin	A. E. Jensen	Perth, Box d-117, G.P.O.
Wyoming	William F. Weiler	Milwaukee
	Irving E. Clark	Casper

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER
GRAND LODGES**

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	Chas. H. Stubinger	Birmingham	Mar. 10, 1937
Alberta	Samuel Harris	High Prairie	Jan. 2, 1941
Alpina	Wm. Planta	Berne, Switzerland	Sept. 2, 1941
Arizona	Rev. Robt. S. Calder	Phoenix	Jan. 31, 1940
Arkansas	John H. Pinson	El-Dorado	Mar. 27, 1925
British Columbia	Donald Adams	Revelstoke	Oct. 13, 1930
Canada (in Ontario)	Chas. S. Hamilton	Toronto	Mar. 22, 1944
Chili	Artour de la Cruz	Santiago	Oct. 14, 1929
Colombia	Alfred G. Williams	Bogota	Nov. 24, 1942
Colorado	Ira C. Foster	Montrose	Feb. 24, 1940
Connecticut	Willard A. Hunt	Forestville	April 22, 1939
Costa Rica	Eric C. Murray	San Jose	Aug. 1, 1921
Cuba, Island of	Thomas C. Sierra	Havana	June 6, 1923
Delaware	Louis S. Cain	Wilmington	Jan. 29, 1927
Denmark	C. E. Monrath-Oxholm	Copenhagen	Aug. 7, 1931
District of Columbia	Needham C. Tumage	Washington	July 20, 1908
Ecuador	Octavio Moran	Guayaquil	July 21, 1932
England	The Rt. Hon. Viscount de Vesci	Monk Hopton, Bridgnorth	Nov. 25, 1939
Egypt	Alfred Seffer	Cairo	Dec. 8, 1925
Florida	Frank H. Brown	Miami	April 2, 1940
France, G.L.	Louis Doignon	Paris	Nov. 29, 1926
France, N.G.L.	J. C. D. Scarlett	Paris	April 26, 1936
Guatemala	Carlos A. Gieseler	Guatemala	June 10, 1925
Georgia	John A. Bishop	Atlanta	Feb. 1, 1933
Honduras	Jesus M. Lopez	Honduras	Dec. 1, 1931
Idaho	Neil R. Fitch	Payette	Dec. 9, 1941
Illinois	G. Haven Stephens	Danville	Aug. 30, 1924
Indiana	Harry J. Beers	New Albany	Feb. 5, 1945
Ireland	David Ferris	Newry	Nov. 1, 1921
Kansas	Harold B. Groff	Topeka	Sept. 18, 1936
Kentucky	John L. Vest	Walton	Aug. 15, 1927
Louisiana	Thomas Gessner	Hammond	May 10, 1940
Maine	Porter A. Roberts	Portland	July 20, 1937
Maryland	Chas. Reichhardt	Baltimore	Feb. 5, 1944
Massachusetts	Edwin O. Childs	Newton	Nov. 5, 1936
Mexico, York G.L.	R. B. E. Turnbull	Mexico City	July 6, 1933
Michigan	Louis Anderson	Omena	June 1, 1932
Minnesota	Lloyd Peabody	St. Paul	Nov. 29, 1931
Mississippi	A. F. Copeland	Leland	April 19, 1932
Missouri	Harris C. Johnston	Boonville	Nov. 16, 1936
Montana	W. J. Johnston	Thompson Falls	July 8, 1937
Nebraska	Ernest C. Purdy	Gordon	July 7, 1943
Netherlands	K. G. Jorksveld	Utrecht	Feb. 2, 1939
Nevada	Sam. P. Kafoury	Reno	June 2, 1933
New Brunswick	Alfred Page	Woodstock	April 14, 1939
New Hampshire	Donald W. Hopkins	Greenfield	Aug. 27, 1943
New Jersey	James F. Russell	Jersey City	April 1, 1923
New Mexico	Earl A. Turner	Las Vegas	July 8, 1937
New South Wales	E. E. Cupit	Sydney	Oct. 13, 1923
New York	Julius N. Hoff	Brooklyn	Mar. 15, 1945
New Zealand	Gilbert T. Bull	Gisborne	Oct. 15, 1909
North Carolina	J. L. Peacock	Tarboro	July, 1935

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF
MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
North Dakota	Paul B. Griffiths	Grand Forks	Jan. 5, 1939
Norway	Jas. W. Berg	Oslo	Nov. 1, 1924
Nova Scotia	Rev. G. R. Thompson	Truro	May 18, 1943
Ohio	Forest R. Dwyer	Bradford	July 28, 1943
Oklahoma	Lyle H. Ball	Laverne	Jan. 12, 1943
Oregon	Wilmot K. Royal	Portland	Dec. 4, 1933
Panama	Raymond L. Toledoano	Panama	Dec. 1, 1926
Paraiba	Dr. Arlindo Correa	Paraiba, Brazil	July 10, 1939
Philippine Islands	Gonzalo T. Vales	Manila	Feb. 6, 1940
Puerto Rico	Leon G. Reyes	Caguas	May 4, 1945
Prince Edward Island	Donald Baker	Summerside	May 8, 1936
Quebec	W. R. Allen	Montreal	Jan. 14, 1918
Queensland	William K. McLuckie	Brisbane	June 1, 1923
Rhode Island	Jas. B. Littlefield	Providence	Sept. 18, 1943
Rio de Janeiro	L. Bert Love	Rio de Janeiro	Nov. 11, 1944
Sao Paulo	Carlos Reis Filho	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Jan. 5, 1939
Saskatchewan			
Scotland	Rev. Hugh F. Reid	Chirnside	Jan. 8, 1930
South Australia	E. J. Copping	Adelaide	Aug. 1, 1930
South Carolina	William W. Gregory	Inman	May 15, 1934
South Dakota	W. D. Swain	Sioux Falls	Jan. 15, 1937
Tasmania	R. V. W. Green	Launceston	April 24, 1928
Tennessee	Ira Parker	Nashville	Mar. 1, 1932
Texas	J. W. Pender	Denton	Mar. 1, 1931
Utah	R. W. Macdonald	Park City	April 7, 1938
Vermont	A. Horace Winchester	Brattleboro	Jan. 5, 1944
Victoria	Edgar J. Carter	Melbourne	Sept. 10, 1934
Virginia	R. A. Hutchison	Manassas	Mar. 27, 1942
Washington	A. E. Emerson	Ellenburg	Dec. 8, 1916
West Virginia	Charles B. Ahrens	Wheeling	Aug. 17, 1939
Western Australia	Arthur G. Stiles	Perth	Aug. 16, 1934
Wisconsin	Ray H. Watson	Milwaukee	May 1, 1939

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	Francis H. Dagg	Holland	Mar. 31, 1920
Alberta	Hugh M. Kerr	Brandon	Nov. 25, 1930
Alpina (Switzerland)	W. C. Birt	Winnipeg	Oct. 22, 1930
Arizona	Oliver L. Best	Winnipeg	Mar. 29, 1944
Arkansas	Jas. D. Harrower	Wawaanesa	Feb. 25, 1941
British Columbia	Rev. Chas. E. Somerset	Selkirk	June 10, 1924
Canada (in Ontario)	W. D. Lawrence	Winnipeg	Sept. 13, 1940
Chili	N. J. Black	Winnipeg	May 13, 1920
Colombia	T. W. Neelands	Swan River	Feb. 12, 1939
Colorado	K. R. Kennedy	Winnipeg	Mar. 5, 1938
Connecticut	M. S. Donovan	Brandon	May 21, 1935
Costa Rica	R. McKenzie	Roland	May 30, 1923
Cuba, Island of	J. Morgan Davies	Winnipeg	May 27, 1940
Delaware	John Coulter	Treherne	April 2, 1915
Denmark	Stanley H. Fahrm	Portage la Prairie	Oct. 17, 1930
District of Columbia	A. H. Steventon	Winnipeg	May 18, 1932
Ecuador	C. Weichman	Treherne	June 1935
Egypt	Edward T. Hardman	Newdale	June 2, 1934
England	Justice Wm. J. Major	Winnipeg	June 12, 1935
Florida	S. Hart Green	Winnipeg	April 30, 1945
France, N.G.L.			
France, G.L.			
Guatemala	J. J. Sinclair	Winnipeg	
Georgia	J. H. G. Russell	Winnipeg	June 1, 1928
Honduras	A. G. Cowan	Winnipeg	Oct. 17, 1930
Idaho	D. A. Best	Sturgeon Creek	Apr. 21, 1945
Illinois	William R. Leslie	Morden	June 21, 1931
Indiana	Robert E. Emmett	St. James	April 3, 1944
Ireland	John T. Boyd	Winnipeg	Oct. 3, 1935
Kansas	Jabez Miller	Winnipeg	June 15, 1914
Kentucky	Jas. L. Lawson	Winnipeg	June 24, 1927
Louisiana	Charles E. Cole	Portage la Prairie	Feb. 28, 1938
Maine	W. D. Harper	Emerson	Jan. 19, 1937
Maryland			
Massachusetts	Hugh A. Innes	Winnipeg	May 1, 1945
Mexico, York G.L.	M. A. Nitikman	Winnipeg	May 23, 1940
Michigan	Dr. O. S. Ross	Virden	Mar. 1, 1941
Minnesota	Ben C. Parker	Winnipeg	Jan. 13, 1938
Mississippi	Peter T. Pilkey	Winnipeg	Feb. 9, 1945
Missouri	Maris H. Garton	Winnipeg	Jan. 31, 1934
Montana	M. S. Watson	Deloraine	Feb. 26, 1941
Nebraska	Hugh Mackenzie	Winnipeg	Nov. 15, 1935
Netherlands	A. L. Crossin	Winnipeg	July 9, 1921
Nevada	Thomas A. Argue	Winnipeg	June 10, 1924
New Brunswick	Canon Geo. R. Calvert	Winnipeg	April 27, 1938
New Hampshire	George Hunter	Winnipeg	Dec. 6, 1926
New Jersey	Wm. G. Corbett	Stonewall	May 27, 1940
New Mexico	H. B. Donnelly	St. Vital	July 1937
New South Wales	James Mackie	Winnipeg	June 10, 1921
New York	Rev. Geo. A. Woodside	Winnipeg	May 14, 1932
New Zealand	Samuel Burland	St. Vital	Mr. 22, 1937
North Carolina	Robert Peel	Minioti	Sept. 4, 1941
North Dakota	J. Frank Dart	McKenzie Island	Jan. 18, 1937
Norway	J. P. McKinnon	MacGregor	Oct. 24, 1920
Nova Scotia	David S. Woods	Winnipeg	Oct. 13, 1926
Ohio	Arthur E. Boyle	Winnipeg	June 10, 1924

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF
MANITOBA—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date	
Oklahoma	Harry M. Smith	Melita	Feb.	24, 1941
Oregon	J. James Henderson	Shoal Lake	June	20, 1924
Paraiba	Wm. L. Cann	Virden	Aug.	1938
Philippine Islands				
Panama	Hon. I. B. Griffith	Binscarth	Oct.	23, 1926
Puerto Rico	George V. Henderson	Strathclair	July	5, 1941
Prince Edward Island	Thomas R. Falconer	Deloraine	May	7, 1931
Quebec	Harvey T. Waters	Winnipeg	May	17, 1940
Queensland	Eli E. Spencer	Morden	Jan.	19, 1934
Rhode Island	John R. Stalker	Shoal Lake	Aug.	15, 1926
Rio de Janeiro				
Santa Domingo	William G. Shaw	Elgin	May	30, 1932
Saskatchewan	Alex. Burgess	Winnipeg	Jan.	21, 1937
Scotland	William Douglas	Winnipeg		1936
South Australia	Daniel Hawe	Benito	Jan.	14, 1931
South Carolina	Chas. R. Sayer	Winnipeg	May	20, 1940
South Dakota	Jas. Wardrope	Winnipeg	Apr.	10, 1945
Tasmania				
Tennessee	James S. MacEwing	Treherne	Oct.	15, 1913
Texas	H. G. Kilpatrick	Forrest	Feb.	14, 1941
Utah	Donald MacDonald	Ninette	May	24, 1941
Vermont	Dr. Frank K. Purdie	Griswold	May	13, 1932
Victoria	Raymond M. Snider	Stonewall	June	20, 1945
Vienna				
Virginia	Harry Woods	Winnipeg	Aug.	7, 1935
Washington	George R. Mackay	Winnipeg	May	20, 1929
West Virginia	David Griffith	St. Vital	Nov.	27, 1944
Western Australia				
Wisconsin	Norman M. Hall	Winnipeg	May	7, 1945

MASONIC REVIEWS 1944-1945

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

HUGH M. KERR
Chairman

The Following Reviews Cover
All Grand Lodge Proceedings
Received To June 30th, 1945

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Correspondence presents herewith its
annual reviews of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

It is noted that, with few exceptions, Grand Masters are
exercising restraint in the matter of granting dispensations to
enable applicants to evade the usual time limits in their pro-
gress through the Degrees.

In many Jurisdictions it is anticipated that the present trend
toward an increase in membership in most countries will con-
tinue, and emphasis has been placed by numerous Grand Masters
on the necessity of the most thorough work by the Investigating
Committees of Lodges, so that quality and not quantity may be
the watchword in the admission of new members. Evidently
the lessons taught us in the last war are remembered.

Physical qualifications is also one of the paramount issues
that is troubling many Grand Lodges and several favor a letting
down of the present requirements.

The reading of these proceedings has been both instructive
and interesting, and I have endeavored to bring to your atten-
tion those matters believed to be of interest to the brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH M. KERR,

Chairman.

GENERAL

SASKATCHEWAN. Grand Master. 1944

"During the First Great War a Grand Lodge Jurisdiction
overseas invaded our Jurisdiction by presuming to
make Masons of men from Saskatchewan without any con-
sent on our part. Correspondence ensued and it was hoped
that the offence would not occur again. But it has occurred
and our Lodges now begin to find men who to us are cowans
returning from overseas to their Saskatchewan domicile
claiming to be Master Masons. It has been found also in
some cases that inquiry as to character has been quite

inadequate and that the men have no satisfactory knowledge of the work. I am firmly of opinion that these men should be treated as irregularly-made Masons and refused Lodge privileges until strict inquiry is made as to their fitness, until responsibility is assumed by the Lodge of their proper domicile and until all irregularity is healed by a special dispensation. I think it worth while to issue that word of warning to our Lodges."

NEBRASKA. Grand Master. 1944

"HOME" LODGE U.D.

"This Lodge was formed for the purpose of conducting Masonic funerals exclusively. They will hold their meetings at the Masonic Home, at such times as become necessary. They are not authorized to confer degrees or to function in any other manner, than as a Funeral Lodge. This idea is not new; such Funeral Lodges are found in several of our Grand Jurisdictions. The purpose of this Lodge is two-fold. First: it will relieve our beloved Superintendent of much labor in getting the Brethren from the Home to the hall of Plattsrnouth Lodge No. 6, up the stairs, back down again and then repeating the process after the ceremony is completed. It also relieves the Lodge of the expense of lighting and heating their hall in winter for such purpose only, a burden they have cheerfully borne for many years. This U.D. Lodge will remain as such, no charter is contemplated being asked for.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS

"I have appointed a committee of Past Grand Masters to study the matter of physical qualifications of candidates. However, I would like to give you my own view of the matter. Much variation is noted among the Grand Jurisdictions on this question. The crippled or naturally deficient man arouses our sympathy and compassion, but I do not think that we should depart from the ancient customs and admit such men to our ranks. The theory of the perfect youth is in itself a symbol that is worthy of being maintained.

"Today I believe we are of one mind in the opinion that the survival of Masonry is at stake in this war. We are spending a lot of money, in various ways through our own War Service Committee and through the Masonic Service Association Centers, to call the Masonic Fraternity, either directly or indirectly, to the attention of many who might not have thought about it before. Our sons receive letters from our committee stating we are proud of them, offering help in various ways. Replies are received from many, indicating a wish to become members. I am not critical of the committee; it simply cannot be otherwise from such efforts. These boys are fighting for the principles of Masonry. What is going to be our attitude to them, when they come home, minus a hand or a foot? Can we look them in the eye then and say: no, you cannot be one of us? I hope not! I therefore recommend that any member of the armed forces of the United States, who possessing all the other necessary qualifications; but who has suffered in battle against our enemies, the loss of physical faculty, will be eligible to petition our Lodges regardless of that condition. We cannot demand heroism today and ignore it tomorrow. Do not remove one moral test, but open our doors to those men who have defended your liberties, at such terrible sacrifice to themselves. Even with all the modern devices to enable them to function, there is still a great and lasting effect upon them. The number will never be so great as to endanger our charitable institutions, even though some of them may be forced to reside there."

MINNESOTA. Installation. 1944

M.W. Bro. Frank W. Matson presented a gavel, in behalf of the Grand Lodge, to M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, Past Grand Master of Manitoba, to be used by him in the Installation of Grand Officers to follow.

He thanked the Grand Lodge and Bro. Matson and expressed the hope that he could visit this Grand Lodge every year as long as he lived.

The Grand Officers elect and appointed were then installed by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, Past Grand Master of Manitoba, assisted by the following from Manitoba: M.W. Bro. William Douglas, as Grand Marshal; M.W. Bro. George R. Calvert, as Grand Chaplain, and M.W. Bros. William D. Lawrence, John T. Boyd, Ben C. Parker, and R.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey.

The installation was done in a very dignified and impressive manner and was witnessed by a large number of the Brethren.

The Grand Secretary read a telegram from Past Grand Master Bertram S. Adams, of Hibbing, and letters from Star in the East Chapter No. 210, Order of the Eastern Star, signed by Vera M. Bakke, Worthy Matron, and Ida G. Bergeson, Secretary; Past Matrons' Club of the same Chapter, signed by Zella M. Coombe, President, and Ida N. Schultz, Secretary; Bethlehem Shrine No. 2, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, signed by Nona Mitchell, as Worthy High Priestess, and Ida N. Schultz, as Secretary, all congratulating the newly installed Grand Master, Dick A. Mitchell, and expressing best wishes for a happy and prosperous year.

M.W. Bro. William D. Lawrence, of Manitoba, presented the retiring Grand Master with the customary Past Grand Master's Jewel, appropriate remarks being made by both.

M.W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, Grand Master of Manitoba, congratulated the new Grand Master and other Grand Officers and in behalf of the good will that exists between the two Grand Lodges, asked M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd to present certificates of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Manitoba Grand Lodge to M.W. Bros. Ralph W. Stanford, Frank W. Matson, Chauncey C. Colton, and Wm. P. Sturtz. They all thanked Bro. Boyd and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba for the certificates and the honor conferred upon them.

KANSAS. Grand Master. 1944

"Modern historians seem inclined to treat history not as a bare statement of facts, but as events which have happened because of the influences which have been at work behind the scenes. They treat of trends and not of battles. They emphasize the background of certain movements and mention the battle only as the culminating day of final decision, on the one hand, or the part which the battle plays in some event which may take place long after the grass has blanketed the resting place of the dead. In a similar manner we should like to consider for a moment our situation with regard to Freemasonry.

"We say that we are an ancient and honourable society. We know that for many centuries our Order existed as an operative guild, but we are not primarily concerned with operative art. We labour as Speculative Masons and as such we are drawn to England in the early eighteenth century when Freemasonry as a speculative science came into being. This was indeed a proper setting for a science concerned with individual endeavour.

"One of our historical writers says: 'The history of no other people affords such an illustration of a steadily progressive national development from seed to blossom, compelled by one persistent force. Freedom in England has unfolded like a plant from life within; one leaf after another freeing itself from the detaining force. Only a few more remain and we shall behold the flower of fourteen centuries in which the most practical nation in the world has steadily pursued an ideal—the ideal of individual freedom subordinated only to the good of the whole!'

"Speculative Masonry is concerned with this freedom of the individual. It came into being during that period in England when this struggle was at its height. It immediately found a fertile soil in colonial America and was adopted by the leading men of the day and time. It appealed to the common man, for by its precepts he was taught that all men are created equal and have right of equal opportunity."

FLORIDA. Grand Master. 1944

WAITING PERIOD BEFORE APPLYING FOR OTHER
DEGREES

"At the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington a paper was read and there was some discussion on the question:

'Should there be a required waiting period between the time the candidate receives the Master Mason degree and his making application for membership in the so-called "higher degrees?"'

"There are some jurisdictions which place some restrictions in this respect and, therefore, answer the question in the affirmative. The fact that it is raised and discussed at a national gathering shows that attention is being given to it.

"It is well known that some have sought admission within our portals in order that they may become Shriners. Others who were not so out-spoken evidently had the same aim, if we can judge their aims by their subsequent acts. The Blue Lodges seldom, if ever, see them after they have received the Master Mason degree.

"Often the haste to obtain the so-called 'higher degrees' is prompted by over-zealousness of members of the York and Scottish Rites to get new members. The newly-raised Mason, fresh with enthusiasm for Masonry, is solicited for membership in one or both bodies and is made to feel that he has only begun his Masonic journey when he is made a Master Mason, and that, in order to be a full-fledged Mason, he should go 'higher.'

"Right there I detour from the subject to say that no man is more of a Mason because he is a Knight Templar or a 33° Scottish Rite Mason. One does not become a 'higher Mason' because he attains to either or both degrees. One becomes a better Mason only as he lives up to the teachings of our Order. It is the soul's stature and not the Grand Master's jewel or the chapeau or the cap which one wears which makes him a higher Mason. I do not at

all discount the beautiful teachings that are so remarkably exemplified or the promotion of Masonic living by these two rites. However, no one yet has plumbed the depths of the wells of Blue Lodge Masonry. 'Every ceremony has its mystical reference.' Yet, how many rush on through and have no conception of any symbolic construction.

"Now, to return to the main road—I am informed that in some Lodges there are those who are sure to attend the meetings every night that the Master Mason degree is conferred. They seldom attend any other. They solicit the new Masons for membership before they leave the Lodge room. This practice is not confined to one or the other of the two rites. Members in both are given to the practice, though in different Lodges. These practices do not add anything to the dignity of Masonry and they surely are not countenanced by those in authority. But they go on. Even if they did not exist, it would be advisable for every Master Mason to be well grounded in the principles of symbolic Masonry before his mind is directed elsewhere. They would make better material for these two rites and it is less likely that they would lose their members later. Freemasonry in the Blue Lodges and in the York and Scottish Rites has enough of the sublime and soul-searching in its teachings to challenge the best in every member of the Craft. All can play an essential part in ushering in the brotherhood of man. Therefore, the cordial relations which exist among them all should, and will continue, for we are all Masons.

"If the responsibility and power rested in me to give an answer to the question whether there should be a waiting time, I would answer 'Yes.' Some have raised the further question as to the power of this Grand Lodge to enact such legislation. Let there be no doubt in the mind of anyone that it has the power. I, therefore, make the following recommendation:

"That this Grand Lodge provide by regulation that no member of any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction shall

make application for membership in any York Rite or Scottish Rite Body, or organization, or petition for any degree in either or any of them, until he shall have been a Master Mason for a period of twelve months; that all petitions to particular Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction for initiation, affiliation or reinstatement shall contain a statement of the petitioner that he will abide by such a regulation.’”

(Action deferred until next Annual Communication.)

VICTORIA (Australia). Board of General Purposes. 1943

“Consequent on the admission of American soldiers as candidates or joining members in Victorian Lodges, the Board has examined the position from the point of view both of the soldiers concerned and of the effect of such admissions upon our Fraternal relations with the American Grand Lodges.

“Almost every Grand Lodge in the United States of America jealously insists upon a strict observance of the purely American doctrine of ‘exclusive territorial jurisdiction’ over all Masonic potentials resident within its boundaries and would resent the acceptance as a candidate by another Grand Lodge of a person resident within its own territory, regarding it as an invasion of its jurisdiction, and a decidedly unfraternal action. It might even decline to recognize the candidate, unless previously it had given the other Grand Lodge a ‘waiver’ for that particular case. Some Grand Lodges hold that, constitutionally, they cannot give a waiver, whilst many forbid dual membership.

“In the interests of such candidates, who, on their return home, might find recognition withheld, or be regarded as clandestine, and of the maintenance of the excellent fraternal relations now existing, the Board expressed its earnest hope that, prior to the admission of any American citizen, either as a candidate or as a joining member, to any Lodge, there shall be a previous communication by the Lodge of all the circumstances to the Grand Secretary, so

that, unless already given, a waiver of jurisdiction or other satisfactory consent may be obtained from the Grand Jurisdiction located at the place of legal residence of such candidate or joining member.

"In December, 1942, the United Grand Lodge of England decided that candidates who had been elected by lodges of other jurisdictions but who had been transferred overseas before the First Degree could be conferred upon them could be Initiated in Lodges under the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Tasmania suggested the question of reciprocity for the Initiation of candidates elected by Lodges of other jurisdictions in cases where the candidates had been transferred before the First Degree could be conferred upon them. The question was then submitted to the Grand Lodges of Australia on the matter of reciprocity. The other Grand Lodges, with the exception of Queensland, opposed the idea of reciprocity between the Grand Lodges in Australia.

"A Sub-Committee, consisting of the V.W. President of the Board of General Purposes, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, V.W. Grand Inspector of Workings, and V.W. Bros. R. G. Ball and E. Ormond Baker, considered the matter, and recommended that this Grand Lodge reciprocate with the United Grand Lodge of England, for the duration of the war, to Initiate candidates of that jurisdiction who have been transferred overseas after having been elected as candidates for Initiation. It was decided that no action be taken in the matter of reciprocity between the Grand Lodges of the Commonwealth."

VICTORIA (Australia). Grand Master. 1943

WEARING OF MASONIC APRONS

"The V.W. Grand Inspector of Workings has reported that a great deal of confusion still exists in connection with the wearing of the Apron.

"A Pronouncement was made many years ago that when a dinner jacket or morning dress was worn the Apron must

be placed outside the coat. A direction to this effect was also given in the Pronouncement of 26th March, 1942.

"Tylers of subordinate Lodges should be instructed that Brethren attending in ordinary dress must wear the Apron outside the coat as directed."

ADMISSION OF VISITORS

"Reports have been received that some Lodges are not using the prescribed cards for admission of visitors, personally known to be Freemasons, and that such visitors have not been properly vouched for.

"Each visitor who is introduced or vouched for by a Brother of the Craft when visiting a Lodge must complete one of these cards, which should be handed by the Tyler to the Inner Guard, who will announce the names of the visitors so vouched for, and the Brother who introduces or vouches for such visitor or visitors must indicate to the Master that he so vouches."

"Visitors Not Personally Introduced.—When a visitor attends a Lodge and is unknown to any of the members or Brethren present, greater care must be exercised to see that the provisions of Rule 130 of the Book of Constitutions are strictly complied with. Every care must be taken to examine such visitor and to request the production of the Certificate of the Grand Lodge to which he claims to belong, or other proper vouchers of his having been Initiated in a regular Lodge.

"In all cases, satisfactory proof of identity must be established."

"Identification Badges. In view of this requirement, and in order to save the production of a Grand Lodge Certificate by subscribing members of subordinate Lodges, when visiting a Lodge without an introduction by one of the members or Brethren present, the following form of identification badge has been approved"

United Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. Masons of Victoria.

This is to certify that the Brother
whose signature is appended is a
financial Member of the above Order.

To.....
Grand Secretary.

.....
(Member's Signature)

.....Lodge.....No.....

The issue of these membership badges will be controlled
by Grand Lodge, and may be obtained only from the Grand
Secretary's Office.

"So that this facility may be freely availed of, each
Lodge should immediately secure an adequate number of
these badges and issue one to each subscribing member on
request."

PRESENCE OF NON-FREEMASONS AT FESTIVE BOARDS

"In April, 1931, and again in July, 1939, Pronouncement
was made with regard to the presence of non-
Freemasons at the Festive Board, when persons who are
not Freemasons have been allowed to take part in connec-
tion with entertainments at the Festive Board of subordin-
ate Lodges.

"Such a practice is wrong, and must not be permitted.

"During the past four years this practice seems to have
been further developed. I therefore enjoin each Lodge to
take special care that no person except a Freemason shall
take part in entertainments at the Festive Board."

MASONIC DRESS

"The Board of General Purposes views with much
concern reports indicating a serious lack of propriety dis-

played by some Brethren in their choice of attire at Lodge meetings.

"Attention is directed to the Pronouncement of 25th March, 1942, regarding optional dress, and in particular to the wish expressed then by the M.W. Grand Master, that Brethren who elect to wear ordinary dress should endeavour to preserve as great a degree of uniformity as possible by wearing dark suits.

"While it is recognized that circumstances do not always favour entire compliance with this request, it is imperative that the dress adopted be essentially formal in character, and it cannot be too strongly emphasized that the practice of wearing sports clothes, or other semi-undress attire, at Lodge meetings, must not be countenanced or permitted.

"I know that I can rely on the Worshipful Masters of subordinate Lodges to correct any improper tendencies in this direction, and to do all in their power to preserve that distinctive sense of propriety of dress, speech (including conversations between individual Brethren) and behaviour, which should characterize all Masonic assemblies."

VICTORIA (Australia). Grand Master. 1943

"May I refer briefly to one of the responsibilities of a Grand Master which is little known, but which takes up a good deal of time, and in some cases involves much thought and consideration. I refer to the cases, which are much more frequent than most people imagine, where objections are raised by individual Freemasons to the Initiation of particular candidates. Each of these cases has to be considered carefully, and a just decision, so far as that is possible, has to be made. To one not unaccustomed to making decisions upon evidence, this task is one of peculiar difficulty having regard to the fact that the ordinary rules are observed. As you know, the objections are made under the cover of secrecy, and are regarded as strictly confidential. Not only can they not be disclosed to the candi-

date, who thus has no real opportunity of testing or refuting them; but they cannot even be communicated to his proposer and seconder, nor to the members of the Lodge. It has been my practice, as well I think as that of my predecessors, to give the benefit of any doubt not to the candidate, who is in the position of the accused, but to the Craft to which he seeks admission. The result must necessarily be unsatisfactory in some cases when judged by ordinary standards as they prevail in our Courts of Law; but that is inevitable under the circumstances. In mentioning this, I desire to emphasize something which is not always understood and which is important, namely, that the staying of a candidate by the Grand Master casts no reflection whatever upon his proposer or seconder, or upon the members of the Lodge which may have elected to accept him. Experience of human nature shows that there are men who, in certain circles, bear the highest reputation, and yet whose unworthiness to be admitted to our Order may be well known to others. May I take this opportunity of expressing again the necessity for the strictest caution and care in the selection of candidates for this great Fraternity, whose strength will depend upon the character of its individual members."

ARIZONA. Grand Master. 1944

"If there is one answer to the enquiry, 'What is wrong with Masonry?' it must be found in our very own, our individual lack or refusal to assume a personal responsibility to Masonry. If we would ask ourselves frequently, 'Am I my Brother's Keeper?' and then look about us to see what we could do to brighten the lives of those around us, we would be doing Masonry a service and this would bring us a little closer together in our efforts to uplift humanity—we might attend a brothers' funeral, we might call on a sick brother, we might help a widow, give a kind word to janitor or newsboy—yes, in a hundred little ways make Masonry a part of our daily lives, ever remembering to be tolerant, for George Washington and every Masonic leader

since his time demanded as a basis of unity and fellowship, freedom of thought and speech.

‘We are travelling to a destiny that makes us all brothers,
No one can travel his way alone;
The things we put into the lives of others
Will come back into our own.’”

NEW ZEALAND. Board of General Purposes. 1943

OFFICE OF GRAND TYLER

“At the 1942 Annual Communication R.W. Bro. E. J. Guiness, P. Prov. G.M., drew attention to the fact that, so far as he was aware, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was the only Grand Lodge which had no such office as Grand Tyler.

“The Grand Master asked the incoming Board of General Purposes to consider adding such an office to the list of Grand Officers.

“After due consideration the Board makes the following recommendation:

“That the appointment of a Grand Tyler be made, and preferably that the office be allotted annually to that centre where the next ensuing Annual Communication is to be held; and that the Grand Registrar be requested to frame the necessary alterations or additions to the Laws of Grand Lodge to give effect to the creation of the said office.”

“The proposed amendments to the Laws of Grand Lodge have been prepared and will be submitted at this Communication of Grand Lodge.”

NEW ZEALAND. Grand Master. 1943

“It seems to me that of all men, we of the Masonic Fraternity have a heavy responsibility because, our Order having the background of religion — the foundation and fundamentals of a really true brotherhood with freedom

of thought and conscience through all its structures — we, its members, are the custodians of the tools and formulae required to build and rebuild the world that must be, if there is to continue real enlightenment, progress, and uplift. War problems have arisen which at first seemed insurmountable, but they have been faced and overcome with unparalleled courage. But will our problems all be solved and cease when the bells ring out the glad tidings that an honourable peace has been declared? Surely the ideals for which Freemasonry stands will be needed as never before to master our post-war problems even as they are needed today.

“What brings war? Misunderstandings, animosity, bitterness—all those hateful things which Freemasonry strives to eliminate from every stratum of civilization. What will ensure a lasting peace? Love, understanding, toleration, charitableness, brotherly kindness—all the qualities which Freemasonry endeavours to foster and shed abroad.

“Peace will bring its dangers and complex problems of reconstruction—economic and social, national and international. We as individuals in our nation, as members of our great Institution, have an important part to play, for as units we make up the nation. Leaders will be needed, and out of any society who should be better able to provide such than Freemasonry—men with breadth of courage, resolution, masterful thinkers, men of character with hearts of brotherly love for the welfare of humanity who can steer our nation away from the many pitfalls of the past into which, alas, civilization has so often fallen with heart-breaking results. In this tragic hour in history, we who believe in Masonry and its efficacy in human affairs must consecrate ourselves anew to the task of strengthening the agency through which we express our Masonic faith. This agency is not a new one for us. It has existed for centuries and has served us well in periods of darkness and in times of happiness. Recognizing the importance of Masonic life and its value as a medium for moral and spiritual regeneration, we must dedicate ourselves with renewed effort to the development of the great potentialities inherent in

this Institution, so as to make of it a real force in the motivation of human conduct. This is the only path by which we may have hope to mitigate, and in time to overcome the antagonism, the bitterness and the prejudices which afflict the world, and help restore a sense of comity among nations and a feeling of brotherhood among men.

"Freemasonry is a philosophical science, a system on intuition, most vividly portraying an upright life through the medium of emblems and symbolic instructions. It puts in our consciousness a faith that supplements hope, a faith to which we may cling through changing fortunes, through vicissitudes of life, a faith that will endure and console when all else fails. 'Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.' Faith is the mind at its best, its bravest, its fiercest. The great men of history have been men who believed in their cause like giants. Faith is power, the very heroism and enterprise of intellect. Ours is the task to combat every iota of propoganda advanced to defeat our progress, to defend the basic truths of Masonry.

"Difficult days still lie ahead—days that will test our nation, our manhood, ourselves. Let us fortify ourselves to meet the many ordeals we may be called upon to face in every walk of life, and also contribute our part to alleviate the lot of suffering humanity and thus by example strengthen our fellow-men.

"May we today pledge ourselves anew to greater efforts in support of every cause that will hasten the end of this terrible conflict, and when it is over and our boys come home they shall know that we have been worthy of them and that while they bore the heat and burden of the day we also carried on and together have kept the lamps of freedom trimmed and burning brightly as a beacon of hope to the oppressed and suffering peoples of the earth, against the day when the Fatherhood of God shall be universally recognized and the Brotherhood of Man become a blessed reality.

"A new day will be born when the monster created by men, motivated by greed, avarice, and the desire for power

shall fall apart and its reign of bloodshed, ruthlessness, and bestial cruelty will be no more—a new day when the Sun, the glory of the Lord, will again rise in the heavens with healing in its wings, bringing peace and happiness to all mankind, when the yoke of the oppressor shall be torn from the necks of enslaved people, the guilty shall be punished, and peace and good-will re-established among the people of the earth. May the day be not far distant when such wishful thoughts will be transformed into actual realities, and as we await the Dawn let us face the problems and perplexities of the day with confidence and faith in the omnipotent power of Him who said. 'Be of good courage,' 'Fear not; I will help thee,' 'I will not fail thee nor forsake thee.'"

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Board of General Purposes. 1943

PLUMPING AT ELECTIONS OF GRAND LODGE

"Following the annual elections in April, the question has again arisen relating to the right of a Brother to plump for a candidate for office. Fortunately, after an analysis of the voting papers, it was found that plumping was not so common as may have been expected from reports received. The Board, however, desires to reiterate the opinion of a former Grand Master that the practice should be discouraged as one detrimental to the best interests of the Craft.

"Relying on the wise desermination of the members, the Board hopes it will not be necessary to amend the Constitution to enforce what has been almost entirely acceptable since the establishment of the Grand Lodge, namely, to vote for the required number of candidates as shown on the ballot paper."

CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES

"Although the annual meeting of Secretaries in the Board Room on the afternoon of the day of the October Communication has not drawn the large attendance expect-

ed, at the same time the gatherings have been characterized by such a unanimous opinion that the time has been well spent that it is thought worth while to continue them. The underlying idea is to answer such problems as may from time to time occur, and Secretaries will assist by sending to the Grand Lodge Office, about a week before the meeting, questions or subjects they would like discussed. All Secretaries, and especially country Brethren apart from Secretaries, are invited to be present at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20th."

SMOKING IN REGALIA

"Although no opinion has ever been expressed previously by the Board on the question of the propriety of smoking while wearing regalia, it has generally been recognized in the light of an unwritten law in this Jurisdiction that due observance should be given to what has been considered a rule of conduct for generations. It has been noticed, however, that some newly-made Freemasons have evidently not been made aware of the accepted practice of refraining from smoking in regalia, and the Board asks for the co-operation of the Lodges in preserving one of the ethical understandings of this Grand Lodge."

STREET CLOTHES

"In the Board's Report presented at the Annual Communication last year was included under the heading 'Emergency Directions,' a clause relating to the dress which the Grand Master had approved as proper to be worn during this period of emergency.

"From reports received, it would appear that there is a misinterpretation of the words 'Street Clothes,' although it was considered that the description would be quite understood as meaning a suit of clothes in its literal sense, which, as the adjective implies, would be normally worn in the street.

"It was never expected that such a misconstruction would be placed on the words as to include what are known

as sports clothes, nor, as in one instance it was recorded, that the Brethren might discard their coats on a warm evening."

THE BALLOT

"The duty and responsibility devolving upon Masters to preserve the secrecy of the ballot cannot be too strongly stressed. The importance of the method to be employed is emphasized by the fact that in the ritual it is plainly pointed out how the ballot shall be distributed and collected. A secret ballot should be, as the name implies, secret, and it is wrong for a Brother to allow his neighbour to see how he votes. It has equally been held to be a violation of the ballot when dissenting members have publicly announced their intention, or have, at a later period, publicly announced what they have done. A previous intimation of their intention made privately to the Worshipful Master is in accordance with Masonic tradition.

"It is recommended that when the ballot has been scrutinized and declared, the Master shall take steps to so obliterate the result that only he and the Immediate Past Master know the votes cast for and against. Where three black balls exclude, it is desirable that the fact of one or two black balls appearing in the ballot should be known to these two Brethren only, and, in the event of an adverse vote, the number of black balls cast should never be divulged. In this connection also, the Master should never use the word 'unanimous' when declaring the result of an election."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Board of General Purposes. 1943

NEW CONSTITUTION

"The Grand Registrar (V.W. Bro. C. Lempriere Abbott, K.C., B.A., LL.B., M.P.), moved:

"That a new Constitution be added, reading: Improper use of words 'Masonic,' 'Freemasons,' etc.

'120B (1) No Brother shall be a member or official of, or otherwise connected with, any association or body of men in the name or description of which the word 'Masonic' or 'Freemasons' or any word which in the opinion of the Board of General Purposes indicates affiliation or connection with Freemasonry is used, unless such association or body shall be subject to the control of the Grand Master, and unless the Grand Master shall have previously approved the use of such word.'

(2) A Brother who is a member or official of or otherwise connected with any association or body of men in the name or description of which any such word is used without the approval of the Grand Master, shall when required by the Board of General Purposes so to do, forthwith in such manner as shall be directed by the Board renounce such association or body, and finally sever his connection therewith.

(3) Any Brother who fails to carry out the direction of the Board under this Constitution shall be liable to be dealt with under Constitution 123 and 124.'

"V.W. Bro. Abbott explained that this matter was discussed at the last Conference of Australian Grand Lodges held in Melbourne, where it was considered desirable that a Constitution on the lines moved should be prepared. Careful consideration was given to the matter. While the position did not apply in South Australia, it was felt, in view of what was going on in other States, that Grand Lodge should have the power to meet such cases should they arise. It was likely that the new Constitution would also be adopted by the other States.

"V.W. Bro. H. C. Riddle, G.I.L., seconded. Carried."

NEW SOUTH WALES. Board of General Purposes. 1944

"A letter was received from the Military Postal Authorities, stating that in view of the antagonism by Nazis towards Freemasonry and Freemasons, the District Censors have requested that in the interests of the Prisoners of

War, who are members of our Institution, no indication be given either by correspondence or when forwarding parcels by Masons or any Masonic body that would disclose that the addressees are Freemasons or associated with Freemasonry.

"The Board resolved to bring this matter under the notice of all Lodges."

BRITISH COLUMBIA. Grand Master. 1944

"In the course of my discussions in the Lodges throughout the year I have been led to put an emphasis upon the theme of Citizenship as a great and supreme interest of Freemasonry. To me the history of Freemasonry, the glorious traditions which it enshrines, and the noble tenets and principles it inculcates, all point to the function of making citizens and to developing worthy ideals and standards of citizenship. This seems to me to be a distinctive function of the Craft, a purpose toward which our whole organization is directed and that, too, in a degree which makes Freemasonry unique among human institutions. I have been led to single out this great objective and to thus define the meaning and purpose of Freemasonry, not least of all by reason of current discussions about the Craft and comparisons which many of our members have made with other institutions. Brethren have compared Freemasonry with Service Clubs, some feeling that these divert strongly from the Craft and others perhaps expressing the desire to copy the methods of these movements and introduce them into Freemasonry. Now let it be known that not one of us has any objection to Service Clubs. Large numbers of our Craft are active members in these clubs. I have been so myself. Shakespeare said 'Comparisons are odorous,' and when we look at all the need, all the distress there is in the world, we can be glad for every institution that seeks in any way to do good and to create good-will among men. The world is wide-open and there is no occasion for any of us to feel that we have not all the elbow room we require. Yet just

because this argument has been brought up I am led to emphasize and, as every Worshipful Master is exhorted to do, to forcibly impress upon the Brethren 'the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry.' Other institutions have their place and deserve credit for the valuable service they put into the community, but Freemasonry stands apart from them all. Survey human institutions as you may, not one of them can point to the same or like traditions; not one of them stands dedicated to the same exalted task. In none of them is the drama of life and death portrayed, the ultimate meaning of life interpreted, the responsibilities and duties of life so faithfully outlined, all with a specific aim of determining and shaping the whole conduct of life. Any retrospect of its degrees, made with a view 'to distinguish and appreciate the connection of our whole system and the relative dependence of its several parts' must discover a unique purpose, a definiteness and a singularity of aim which makes the internal and not the external qualifications of a man its supreme concern. The Lessons of our working tools are too well enforced to miss this central characteristic. We are concerned not so much to direct man's outward social activities as we are to discipline and mature his mind that he may worthily perform the duties of life, to fortify his soul for life's struggles and adversities, to fashion his inner spirit and to develop a consciousness of rectitude and honour—in short, to build the man is the function of Freemasonry. Therefore, it cannot be too emphatically urged that Freemasonry is not a benefit society, it is not an insurance organization, it is not a service club, nor is it constituted to fulfil these functions. Relief is one of its cardinal tenets, but that relief is spontaneous in its impulse and silent in its operations. We make no public appeals nor can the great fabric of our system, with its universal, eternal and unchallengeable truths, its glorious history and traditions, reaching back as it does to time immemorial, its clear distinction between operative and speculative Masonry, be regarded as a casual circumstance, a means of getting men together for a few convivial moments. Beyond question Freemasonry is de-

voted to the highest interests that could engage the thought and endeavour of man, the moral and spiritual aspects of man's nature and our human existence, the development of manhood and moral character as a source of human happiness and the noblest contribution to the common good.

“Put it thus, if you will: the great major concern of Freemasonry is the man himself, the citizen. Its procedures and its programmes must of necessity accord with its supreme aim. No man passing through our ceremonies can do other than realize that Freemasonry has an aim above that offered by other institutions and that it addresses itself immediately and directly to the considerations which determine character and human happiness. Some may come and look on and depart. They will not rise to higher levels nor devote themselves to these considerations. But simply to provide additional forms of entertainment with a view of holding such will get us nowhere. Freemasonry has prevailed through the ages because its great landmarks cannot be removed. It will not be diverted from its grand and glorious purposes. This indeed we can say, ‘Masonry, according to the general acceptance of the term, is an art founded on the principles of geometry and devoted to the service and convenience of mankind, but Freemasonry, embracing a wider range and having a nobler object in view, namely, the cultivation and improvement of the human mind, may with more propriety be called a science (the term science is here used in the broadest sense of a philosophy—the sum of universal knowledge), inasmuch as availing itself of the terms of the former it inculcates the principles of purest morality though its lessons are generally veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.’ Freemasonry, therefore, is a philosophy of life, a practical philosophy, yet a philosophy, and with an emphasis upon the search for ultimate reality, rational ideals and moral principles.

“All this accords to the Craft a very distinctive, even unique place in human life. So far as I know, no other movement, except it be religion itself, has so high an aim. The

institutions of religion have doubtless a larger scope. Theirs is a programme of total redemption—a complete salvation of all classes and elements of human society. They embrace in their plan not only just and upright men, free by birth, and mature age, of sound judgment and strict morals, but men, women and children alike, people of all ages and all sorts and conditions of men. They can do this because their aim is nothing other than the regeneration of both individuals and society. But Freemasonry, without competing with or offering opposition to the agencies of religion, throws all its power and prestige into the great task of developing the mental and moral strength of worthy men and creating a standard of citizenship, both national citizenship and world citizenship, in the hope of building and guaranteeing the happiness and welfare of mankind. Hence you can see why we claim that Freemasonry is not only 'the most ancient but the most moral human institution that ever existed as every character, figure and emblem has a moral tendency and serves to inculcate the practice of virtue in all the genuine professors.'

"With such exalted aim, when was there ever a day to compare with the present, both in greatness of human need and in vastness of opportunity to contribute to the welfare of the human family. We need a new world. The days of reconstruction surely lie ahead of us and if the convictions of Freemasons are convictions in very truth—if the lessons we inculcate within the Lodge are eternal verities concerning human conduct and man's dealings with his fellowman, then just because we have a loftier aim we have a greater privilege in this hour of world-making. Undoubtedly, too, greater opportunity, greater privilege, must spell for us greater responsibility. Let us not forget that fact. Those who are exalted highest in the point of privilege must bear the greatest penalty if their duties are not well performed.

"At the porchway or entrance to the temple of King Solomon stood two great pillars. With their separate and conjoint significance as Freemasons view them the Brethren are all familiar. I am going to give them new names and let them stand at the entrance of a new age and a new world and

they shall signify for us great principles without which we have no hope for stability or security for human life or human society. The name of the one shall be 'The Manhood of the Brother' and the name of the other shall be 'The Brotherhood of Man.' The one stands for the highest realization of the individual personality, the other for the true utopia of human society. The one is the symbol of what we may call the self-regarding virtues, the perfection of the individual, the other, the perfection of human society, the other-regarding or altruistic virtues. Both are essential focal points in human thought. We must seek to develop both of these interests without subordinating one to the other. A new world we must have. Better social conditions are the imperative duty of the hour, but let us be assured of this, that we cannot build a golden age out of men with leaden instincts. Unless our personal motives and purposes, our emotions and passions, our aims and ambitions, are purified and cleansed and made worthy of the exalted dignity of man, we are but grovelling creatures and will be found invariably forcing down the social conditions to meet our own selfishness and greed. Well can the prayer of every man of us be that of the Psalmist of Old, 'Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.'

"Likewise, indifference to social welfare must cease. Too long have we been content to enjoy ourselves at our own full festal board while millions of mankind have starved with hunger. Children are born in all parts of the world with no hope of surviving. Men toil all their days in hard, slavish tasks, pouring out both sweat and blood, to find at the end of life they are mere dependents on the charity of others. These things must not be, and to whatever causes we may trace the horrors of war, as a human family we must find some other basis of living than that which has prevailed, which has given us two world wars in one generation, which means simply that our young manhood—the finest flower of human life—is laid on the altar of sacrifice. The joys of a triumphant life under natural human conditions are denied to them and the hearts of their parents and friends go heavy all their days. 'The Brotherhood of Man' is not a mere form

of words and it is something that can be actualized and realized in this present world.

"But Someone may say that if these two pillars symbolize 'The Manhood of the Brother' and 'The Brotherhood of Man,' have we forgotten 'The Fatherhood of God?' I trust not. The concept of 'The Fatherhood of God' is in truth basic to these other concepts. It is foundational for any activity leading to the development of individual manhood or social progress. Its symbol is the Temple itself—the sign of God's presence in the world. It is as we are able to feel that presence and relate ourselves to Him as our Heavenly Father, really figuring Him in, as it were, into all the concerns of life that we will be able to rightly appreciate the true dignity and worth of human personality. Only thus will be learned what duty we owe to ourselves. Likewise we will not understand 'The Brotherhood of Man' until we see that these people of other races, other tongues, other cultures and other ways of living are also the children of God. Because of this they are our brothers and sisters. Their welfare is our welfare for it is a family welfare. We can despise none; we can neglect none. We must share their sufferings. True it is that if disease attacks them it may become a world epidemic and endanger our health, but our interest in our fellowman is not to be because of our own protection but it is because we have learned how to feel for the needs of our true brothers and sisters. Beyond any question we, every one of us, will need a great deal of discipline and education before we rightly perceive the obligations of these eternal truths.

"It must not be overlooked, however, that the Fatherhood of God is not simply a doctrine. The world is full of doctrines and dogmas. It is fundamentally a great experience, a solid conviction, something that actually influences our ways of thinking and living, a controlling factor determining our attitudes and governing our conduct. Until it becomes an experience, a great conviction, which is really incorporated into life it is apt to be but a mere form of words.

"It is not to be overlooked that after the war our affairs may go on pretty much as they did before, without any sign

of a particular dislocation or any great alteration or upheaval in our political arrangements or any of our business structure. Even though there are vital changes in the inner heart of things, even though new concepts gain recognition and new ideas prevail as to the respective functions of government and private enterprize, the outward run of life may be pretty much the same as heretofore. We will struggle along, seeking to find a market for our goods, opportunity to labour in an enterprize of our own choice and face the same problems and responsibilities that we have done for generations past. This may be all to the good. Sudden upheavals would likely bring more damage than they would create improvement, but beyond any question the foremost need of the future will be for men of integrity and goodwill, just and upright men, men who 'prize honour and virtue beyond the external advantages of rank or fortune,' men who can hold firmly to the truth and prove steadfast in every hour of difficulty. Freemasonry has laid before us great eternal truths, steady unvarying principles of morality and virtue. Above all, it serves to inculcate a grand and glorious fellowship, a noble fraternity and spirit of brotherhood that will enable us not only to be our best, but to contribute our utmost to the common good."

MASSACHUSETTS. Grand Master. 1943

INVADING THE SECRECY OF THE BALLOT

"Later in this meeting you will hear and receive the report of the Commissioners of Trials. There are two cases which have been heard since our last Communication upon which you will have the recommendations of the Trial Commissioners.

"One involves the continued and ever-present problem of factious balloting. Perhaps I am over optimistic—almost too much an idealist. But fervently I pray that every member of every Lodge may sometime be fully impressed with a clear understanding that he has not only a duty to express his reasoned opinion as to the qualifications of all petitioners upon whose applications he is entitled to vote, but also and

more important—so it seems to me—to approach the ballot box with but a single objective, namely: to consider whether in his unbiased judgment the applicant is worthy of the honor which he seeks. This means that in the exercise of his franchise he must allow no unworthy motive to influence his vote, but solely to determine and to act in accordance with his well considered decision as to the qualifications of the applicant.

“It is not necessary for me, I hope, again to point out that the possession of the power to blackball presupposes a duty to exercise that power in the interests of the Fraternity at large and not merely to gratify a personal spite or grudge against an applicant entirely disassociated with his Masonic qualifications. Infinite and irreparable injury may be done by a vicious use of the ballot which is unworthy of the charitable and tolerant attributes which are the fundamental characteristics of all good Masons.

“I must not be misunderstood. I do not mean even to intimate that a member should deny himself the privilege of passing honest judgment upon the masonic qualifications of any applicant. I do mean to state and do state emphatically that the right of franchise must not be exercised from personal and unworthy motives. The temptation so to use the voting privilege is perhaps aided by the secrecy of the ballot since it permits a member to adopt a wholly unjustifiable and even improper motive without fear of detection or accountability.

“On the other hand, reprehensible as such conduct may be, it affords no justification on the part of the other members to invade the secrecy of the ballot.

“In the course of the hearings in certain cases however, it frequently has developed that in taking the ballot certain methods were adopted by the Lodge to discover the dissenting member, which if persisted in and countenanced by inaction on our part, would destroy one of the most sacred principles of the institution, namely: the sacredness of the secret ballot. It cannot be doubted that no ultimate good to the Fraternity can be obtained by seeking to correct an admitted evil by means which are also, and equally improper and reprehensible.

"In one case, it appeared that after a ballot had been taken which upon inspection was not clear, another was quite properly directed by the Master. However, in the case in point, by previous design or otherwise, all present other than the first three officers of the Lodge and the respondent charged with factious balloting refrained from voting. Upon inquiry, it was admitted that no member then present and not voting had been excused from voting by the Lodge. This was in direct violation of the provisions of Section 410 of our Grand Constitutions. Since the officers were willing to affirm that none of them had cast a blackball, it also by indirection denied the dissenting member the protection of secrecy to which he and every member is entitled by an immutable landmark of our Order.

"This method of determining responsibility for rejection has not even the merit of novelty. It has been a favorite devise of over-zealous members extending well back in our history. Thus in a report presented to this Grand Lodge in the June Communication of 1882, Right Worshipful Charles A. Welch, the then President of the Commissioners of Trials, in submitting his report, Said:

As to the first charge in the complaint, that as one of a committee on the application of a candidate for admission to the degrees he reported in favor of the candidate, and when the vote was taken in the Lodge voted against him, the Commissioners have not felt at liberty, under the circumstances, to make any investigation, and must express their disapproval of the course adopted by the members of the Lodge to which Brother belonged to ascertain what his vote was, namely, by all the members except Brother and two others abstaining from voting on the third ballot. (Proc. 1882, page 160)

"Another case reported in 1887, also by Right Worshipful Brother Welch, presented another and, if possible, more flagrant violation of the secrecy of the ballot. He said in his report:

The other matter is of more importance, and it has been lately called to our attention on two different occasions. Casting a blackball, factiously and without just cause, is a Masonic offence, for which a member may be deprived

of his membership. (Digest of Masonic Law, p. 11.) But no Lodge has a right to interfere with the private ballot. (Digest of Masonic Law, p. 10.) It appeared by the testimony offered in this case that, on one of the occasions on which the ballot box was passed around, all the members of the Lodge showed their ballots, except two, one of whom was Brother A_____ B_____. In the case of a complaint from another Lodge, all the Brothers, but one, showed their ballots before casting them. This is certainly wrong. As stated in a previous report made by the Commissioners of Trials to the Grand Lodge: 'In order that each Brother may vote according to the dictates of his own judgment, perfectly free from any influence save that which commends itself to his own conscience, the ballot is intended to be secret. No Brother is justified in seeking by direct or indirect means to ascertain how another Brother voted.' (Proc. 1887, p. 21.)

"In a later case, in 1919, our Grand Master used the following language:

The true spirit of Freemasonry cannot be maintained unless the vote of each member is securely locked within his own breast. No member of the Fraternity whether he casts a white ball or a black ball, should allow himself to declare his vote to another. No member should be excused from voting upon an application except upon personal grounds. If a member feels it his duty to cast a black ball, he is entitled to the protection of the Lodge in so doing and he should never be subjected to criticism or ill will either in or outside of the Fraternity and especially no persons outside of the Fraternity should ever be permitted to know that an applicant had been black-balled in the Lodge. If this is allowed, it is possible for an innocent applicant to suffer; further, it is quite possible that the one who casts the black ball, if known, may be placed at a serious disadvantage, especially outside of the Fraternity. It is impossible to guard against such unfortunate situations unless every member of the Fraternity, in voting, strictly conforms to the principle of silence.

We quote the following Masonic authority from the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Volume 1, Page 95, as follows:

'Not only has no member a right to inquire how his fellows have voted, but it is wholly out of order for him to explain his own vote.'

"From Moore's Freemason's Magazine, Volume 14, page 225:

The right to ballot is one of the highest and most responsible privileges of membership and that he may so exercise it without the fear of incurring personal displeasure, the laws of the institution have thrown around him the protection of secrecy, behind the wall of which no inquisitive eye is permitted to penetrate.

The responsibility of his vote rests alone with him and his conscience until by his own voluntary act he shall see fit to remove the veil. This done, the secrecy is no longer such and the protection it offered him no longer exists. With an open avowal of his vote he assumed the responsibility and rests on the fact for his justification before his brethren. In such a case the objections become the property of the Lodge to be disposed of according to the evidence, but the disclosure must be the voluntary act of the member.

"From Moore's Freemason's Magazine, Volume 10, page 230:

It is undoubtedly unmasonic for a member to declare how he voted. If those who vote affirmatively declare their votes, it throws suspicion upon those who do not so declare. The secrecy of the ballot is sacred as a protection to anyone who may conscientiously cast a black ball.

"From Moore's Freemason's Magazine, Volume 22, page 92:

It is the duty of every member to keep entire silence in regard to his vote. He may neither say how he will vote nor how he has voted. There is no subject where the silent tongue is so necessary as in this.

("Proc. 1919, page 208.)"

ENGLAND. Board of General Purposes. 1944

"On the motion of the President of the Board of General Purposes (V.W. Bro. George Emmerson, P.G. Treasurer), seconded by the Vice-President of the Board (W. Bro. F. P. Reynolds, P.G.St.B.), the following Report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read:

"To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England.

AIMS AND RELATIONSHIPS OF THE CRAFT

"In 1938 there was issued, under the authority of the then Grand Master, a Statement on the Aims and Relationships of the Craft. Since that time there have been great changes in world affairs, but the attitude of Freemasonry remains unaltered.

"In view of the manifold problems which will have to be solved, arising from the War and affecting all nations, the Board considers it necessary again to draw the attention of Brethren to the contents of the Statement, as it is only by strict adherence to the principles defined therein that the integrity of the Order can be maintained throughout the world.

"The Board has arranged for two copies of the Statement to be enclosed with this report for each Lodge and directs that it be read at the first Regular meeting.

DONATIONS FROM LODGE FUNDS

"The Grand Secretary is frequently asked for guidance as to the attitude which should be adopted by Lodges towards appeal for donations in support of objects not directly connected with the Order.

"The Board is reluctant to give rulings on matters which are primarily the domestic concern of the Lodges themselves.

"It should always be borne in mind, however, that the annual subscriptions to Lodges are to defray the ordinary working expenses and to meet recognised Masonic claims. There is no objection to a donation being made to a local hospital, or to some charity in which, owing to the particular composition of the Lodge, the members as a whole are interested, but there is a tendency for the funds of a Lodge to be regarded as available for any Appeal, whether general or local, or for a charitable object with which a particular member may be associated.

AIMS AND RELATIONSHIPS OF THE CRAFT

"The President of the Board of General Purposes: M.W. Grand Master, in moving the adoption of the Board's

Report, I wish to draw particular attention to the first paragraph. When the Statement of Aims and Relationships of the Craft was first issued in 1938, it was considered of such importance that sufficient copies were sent to every Lodge so that each member should receive one. That Statement is of even greater importance today, and will be in the immediate future, than it was in 1938. It is in the highest degree essential that our members should have clearly in their minds those factors which are fundamental to our Order, forming, as they do, the basis upon which present and future problems must be dealt with. It is only thus that Freemasonry as it has come down to us through the ages can be preserved.

DONATIONS FROM LODGE FUNDS

“With regard to the second paragraph, I think the Board has given the guidance for which it has been asked. The Board does not desire to interfere unnecessarily in such matters, but I think there will be a general agreement that the funds of a Lodge are for Masonic purposes, and that there are ample opportunities for them to be so utilized.

“I move, M.W. Grand Master, that the Report be received, adopted, and entered on the Minutes.

“The Vice-President of the Board: M.W. Grand Master, I beg to second the Motion.

“The Motion was agreed to.

ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES

“The Board considers it necessary, once again, to remind members of Lodges of the necessity to exercise the utmost care in proposing and seconding candidates for Initiation. The attention of Sponsors is particularly directed to their responsibility in this matter, and, the Declaration that is required of them in the Proposal Form. It cannot be too strongly stressed that their acquaintance with the Candidate must be of such a nature that they can, by their personal knowledge, vouch that he is a man of good reputation and integrity and well fitted to become a member of the Lodge.

"The Board cannot lay down a minimum period for a Candidate to be known to his Sponsors—it is the extent of the knowledge which is important, and Lodge Committees are desired to investigate every case in that light. Many instances of late come under notice where some doubt arises as to the scrutinies being adequate.

"The time is approaching when there may be an influx of Candidates into Masonry and Lodges are asked to exercise every possible caution to see that only those who are suitable are admitted to the Craft.

GIFT BY THE JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

"The Board has the pleasure to report that it has received from the Junior Grand Warden (R.W. Bro. Sir Frank Newson-Smith, who was at the time Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor of London) a gift of a Maul. It is constructed of oak from the roof of the Guildhall of London, which suffered damage during an air raid. The Maul, which will be exhibited in the Museum, is an outstanding example of the Craftsman's art. The Board has conveyed its grateful thanks to the Junior Grand Warden for placing in the possession of Grand Lodge an article which will continue to increase in historic interest."

IOWA. Flag Day Observance. 1944

A special program was prepared in celebration of June 14th, 1777, the day on which Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the flag of the United States of America.

Presentation of Colors, by members of the Iowa State Guard.

Reception of United States Flag, by M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland, Grand Master, Manitoba.

Reception of Canadian Flag, by M.W. Bro. E. R. Moore, P.G.M., Iowa.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1944

"I have been surprised and gratified to find that in spite of all our material difficulties there has been no retrogression in our membership. There has, in fact, been a definite increase, and we are all pleased to note that belief in the principles of the Craft is extending, and that there is an increasing desire on the part of good and worthy men to take part in its mysteries. It is, I think, an indication that the minds of men are discarding the old material shibboleths of life and are seeking for foundations upon which to build a better and more spiritual world. In all probability, when the war is ended, we will be faced with a very great number of applications to become members of the Craft, and here I think it wise to express a word of warning. Let every such application be thoroughly examined and let us take care that no one is admitted unless he conforms to the standards required. We are all of us aware of the fact that in the last war there were admissions that did not reflect credit upon Freemasonry. Let us see to it that it does not occur after this war."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1944

MASONIC APRONS

"The question of Masonic aprons, as some of you will know, has recently been engaging the attention of the Board of General Purposes. Owing to the restriction upon imports and the diversion of labour into other channels, more intimately connected with the war, it is impossible, for the time being, to procure proper Master Masons' aprons.

"Tassels, trimmings and rosettes are quite un procurable and lambskins are not at present being tanned. There is a shortage so far as our requirements are concerned of something like 300, but manufacturers are quite unable to give us any indication when deliveries could be effected or whether any deliveries could be made at all. Enquiries are being made into the possibility of obtaining lambskins locally. If such skins can be obtained then arrangements

could be made for a modification of the apron that could be used until supplies of trimmings and tassels were available. The modification would be of such a type that the apron in use could easily be converted to the recognised standard pattern. In the meantime brethren must be invested with a regular Master Mason's apron when they take the degree, but after that may use a modified form until things become normal again.

CRITICISMS OF FREEMASONRY

"During the quarter most of you have probably heard a clerical broadcast in which Freemasonry was criticised from what was said to be the point of view of the Church concerned. As Freemasons we have no quarrel with the doctrines or dogmas of any Church, but we doubt whether His Holiness the Pope, who has the respect and veneration of all right-minded people, would lay claim to the omniscience that the broadcaster in question does. Perhaps we may excuse him on the ground that even the very young are not always right. But whilst the attitude of any Church towards Freemasonry may not concern us or incidentally give us any cause for uneasiness, there were certain phases in that broadcast that call for reference. In the first place, though Freemasonry is not and has never claimed to be a religion, Freemasons are religious in the sense that they believe in a personal God, and have given their adherence to the same high principles and tenets as the Church generally. Freemasonry is not, therefore, atheistic, as was claimed; and in point of fact it subscribes to and carries out religious principles quite as sincerely and effectively as many adherents of dogmatic religious bodies. In the next place all statements expressed in regard to Freemasonry were derived from publications not recognised in English Freemasonry, not one of which can be regarded in any way as authoritative, and nearly all of which were spurious or ignorantly enthusiastic. Thirdly, the broadcaster's knowledge of Freemasonry seems to have been derived entirely from what he had read of the Grand Orient of France. He was oblivious or ignorant of the fact that all English-speaking and many foreign Grand Lodges do

not regard the Grand Orient as true Freemasonry, for the very simple reason that it excludes the Bible from its Lodge ceremonies. It is a simple reason, but it sweeps away the foundations of the remarks that were made. We have no desire to enter into controversy, but I would like to say, on behalf of every Freemason, that we respect all Churches and recognise the good they are doing. In the expansion of that good work Freemasonry can and does play no unimportant part."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1944

"Masonry has always stood, and if it would serve its purpose must continue to stand for the highest individual development, and the largest personal liberty of man, in his evolutionary search for individual happiness, and his proper sphere in the eternal scheme of things; it has ever fostered the spirit and encouraged the growth of constructive individuality in its deepest, broadest and fullest sense, and has always sought to give dignity and emphasis to individual intelligence as a natural and essential basis of all human progress; has always advocated the largest individual freedom of thought and actions, having due regard for the rights of others.

"To the end, then, that man may rightly develop along God-intended lines, Masonry has ever stood for the highest and broadest individual education and the inculcation of strict and scientific principle. It points with unerring directness to light and truth, that its votaries, seeing the light and knowing the truth, may so order their ways as not only to walk uprightly before God and man, but to assist others to plant their feet in the pathway that leads to happiness and knowledge here, and to a glorious immortality in the glad afterwhiles. Looking then, as is our bounden duty to do, at the far side of near things, and the near side of far things, we must realize that there are other and opposing forces at work in the world, which consistently move forward in the line of man's suppression and subjection in his individual capacity, that antagonise the spirit and dis-

courage the idea and growth of individual liberty at every point, and that constantly minimise and deprecate individual intelligence as a factor in human progress; and it is peculiarly our province, more peculiarly ours, perhaps, than any other class or society of men, to do battle for the human race against the encroachment of this force, and the dire results that must necessarily follow from its domination of human affairs."

VERMONT. Grand Master. 1944

LETTER TO THE CRAFT

"On my re-election to office last June I had a definite idea that possibly some of the lack of interest among certain Masons was due to lack of information. Accordingly, a letter was drafted regarding Masonry's part in the past and present of our Country's history, and what we hoped to do, as well as other current items which seemed appropriate. I asked for, and was accorded, the co-operation of all Lodge Secretaries and through them this letter was mailed to every member of Vermont Lodges.

"May I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to those Secretaries, for without their co-operation it couldn't have been done.

"The preparation of this letter entailed some effort but that was as nothing when the replies began to arrive from all parts of the country, from members in all walks of life.

"A great many expressed the feeling that one member summed up in his reply, 'It's the first time I've ever heard from Masonry except when my Lodge writes for my dues.'

"My brothers, we are overlooking the potentialities which exist among our members who do not attend Lodge—they pay their dues which indicates interest. In what other organization will members continue to pay after they stop attending? To the officers of Lodges: don't overlook these members; contact them, give them something to do, plan attractive programs, do something to get them back to

Lodge. Some of our larger Lodges have smaller attendance than our smaller Lodges. Interest is a greater asset to Masonry than membership. Interest begets membership.

"This should be a challenge to every one of our 103 Masters. It will require thought and work, but it's worth it, and the old bogie of 'loss of members' will not be a bogie any longer."

WASHINGTON. Grand Master. 1944

RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION

"Interest in Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is at a high pitch. Many candidates are knocking at our doors. Most of them are men in the Armed Forces. Many more meetings than in ordinary times are being held. Some of the largest attendances in our history are being recorded. Opinions differ as to the resultant value to the Order and to the individual members as a consequence of these facts. The question of value is somewhat academic. The condition confronts us and we must face it. We must concern ourselves with the more practical resultants.

"As an abnormal supply of water builds up behind it the increased hydrostatic pressure frequently develops weak spots in a dam. That is occurring in the legal structure of our Order in Washington. The pressure for degree work tends to cause officers to seek short-cuts. There is a tendency to confer more than the customary number of degrees in one day. Ways are conceived for shortening the ritualistic work. Many inadvertent violations of the Code take place."

NEW YORK. Grand Master. 1944

AID TO MASONIC REFUGEES IN SWEDEN

"It has recently come to our attention, that there are now, and have been for some time, in Sweden a considerable number of our Brethren and their dependents, who are refugees from the neighbouring countries of Finland, Nor-

way and Denmark. Our Swedish Brethren have been assisting them to the fullest extent of their ability, and are willing to continue to do so. The financial burden upon them, however, is severe and I should like to recommend that this Grand Lodge appropriate and send to the Grand Lodge of Sweden, the sum of \$1,000.00, for the purpose of assisting in this work. This, to be sure, is only a small sum—a token payment—but it would assure these refugee Brethren of our fraternal interest in them, and, at the same time, be indicative to the Grand Lodge of Sweden of our appreciation of their great service.

"Last year, as you will recall, Grand Lodge authorized the sending of \$1,000.00, to our distressed Brethren in China. I hope you will this year approve the sending of a like sum to Sweden.

PRESENTATION OF WORKING TOOLS USED BY
H.R.H., THE PRINCE OF WALES

"M.W. William F. Strang, Grand Master: Brethren, I think this would be an appropriate moment for me to share with you a very pleasant surprise which came to me just a week ago.

"Doubtless you all know Mr. George Eastman, a former resident of my city, and a great philanthropist; and among his philanthropies are included gifts of a million dollars each to London, Rome, Paris, Brussels and Stockholm for the purpose of creating within those cities a free dental dispensary.

"The man whom he chose to conduct the negotiations and attend the ceremonies in connection with the laying of the corner-stones and the dedication of those buildings was W. Harvey J. Burkhart of Rochester. A week ago today Dr. Burkhart came into my office and presented to me the trowel, the gavel and the level, which Edward, Prince of Wales, used in laying the foundation stone of the Dental Dispensary in London, together with this letter which I should like to read:—it is addressed to me:

'Dear Most Worshipful Grand Master: I have the pleasure and honor on behalf of my son, Brother Richard Burkhart of Noroton, Conn., and myself, who have retained our membership in Batavia Lodge, No. 475, to hand you herewith a program of the exercises of the laying of the foundation stone of the Eastman Dental Clinic of London, England, by His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, Tuesday,

the 30th of April, 1929, at 2:30 p.m., and the working tools with which the ceremony was performed.

'The funds for the construction and equipment of the clinic were provided by the munificence of the late George Eastman of Rochester, N.Y., who contributed one million dollars for this purpose.

'As stated above, the service was performed by His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, later King Edward the Eighth, now the Duke of Windsor, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of British and United States government officials, the nobility and leaders in professional and business life.

'After the ceremony the Prince of Wales handed me these working tools, with the request that I deliver them to Mr. Eastman with his compliments and best wishes. Mr. Eastman, knowing that my son and I were members of the Masonic Fraternity, presented them to us with full liberty and authority to make such final disposition of them as we deemed desirable and proper.

'Therefore, my son and I have the pleasure of presenting to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York these working tools for a permanent place in the archives of the Fraternity.

'With appreciation of your courtesy in making this presentation at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, believe me, Most Worship Grand Master, on behalf of my son and myself, fraternally yours, Harvey J. Burkhart, Past Master, Batavia Lodge, 475.'

"And, Brethren, these are the working tools (indicating). I hope you can at least glimpse them. They are all inscribed, 'His Royal Highness'—abbreviated, 'H.R.H.'—'Edward, Prince of Wales, used this trowel at the laying of the foundation stone of the Eastman Dental Clinic, Royal Free Hospital, 30th of April, 1929.' And with that is this card and the program of the ceremony.

"In furtherance of Brother Burkhart's generous wishes, I now formally present them to this Grand Lodge, to become a permanent part of our Museum, where they will be placed on display, if, as I expect, you accept this gift. (Applause.)

"Unless I hear an objection, I shall assume that the gift is accepted by this Grand Lodge, and that I have your unanimous

authority and direction to convey your thanks and appreciation to Worshipful Brother Burkhart.

"Hearing no objection, . . . it is so ordered." (Gavel.) (Applause.)

QUEENSLAND. Grand Master. 1944

"Freemasonry in Queensland has faced during the year a situation that it has never had to face before. Many of the Brethren are away on active service—many have given their lives—and of these we can only say that they will never be forgotten, and wonderful memories of them will always remain. Our Lodges have, however, been reinforced—if I may use the word—by so many Brethren from overseas and from other States—so many belonging to the great United States of America, where Freemasonry stands for so much. I find also, in all Lodges, a greater understanding of the true meaning of Freemasonry than I have ever found, a far better interpretation of the word Freemasonry in its appeal to the best instincts of man, in the meaning of freedom and greater friendship. Nature and religion are the bonds of friendship. Faith, hope and courage cement that friendship and teach us to make friends and to keep them. Freemasons, by the tenets of the Craft, are taught to view creation and life with a profound sense of their own littleness in the vast scheme of affairs and yet to seek their fellow men and, knowing them in the terms of such friendship as I have mentioned, learn to respect them, to have affection for them, to live with them on terms of mutual equality and with that full understanding that teaches one to look first for the good and not for the bad in everyone and everything in this world.

"There is, perhaps, nothing more true than that the real tragedy of the world lies in the fact that men are strangers; not that men are poor, for all men know something of poverty; not that men are wicked, for who can claim to be good? not that men are ignorant, for who can boast that he is wise? but that men are strangers. Freemasonry, with the help and guidance of the G.A.O.T.U.,

shows us all the path to friendship. Let us walk along that path together to a future when our sons, and their sons, can, with confidence, face the years ahead in sure knowledge that all carry in their hands not a sword for war but a sword for evil, and in their hearts a happiness born of the knowledge that all is well in the world, that each and all are glad to be alive and determined to do something to make the world a better place for those who come after them."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. Grand Lecturer. 1944

"It is noticed that in some Lodges there is a tendency to have certain parts of our degrees done over and over again by the same member, the lectures in particular. This is not progress, and I urge every Lodge to allocate its work around so that each member will have the opportunity of taking part in the degrees conferred. This applies especially to new members and I am convinced that the earlier we put them to work in our Lodges the better—too often we raise a brother to lose him. This would not happen if he were given work to do and made to feel that he was an integral part of his Lodge and its Masonic work."

VERMONT. Grand Master. 1944

USE OF LODGE FUNDS FOR NON-MASONIC USES

"It is a matter of common knowledge that due to world conditions the many demands of Masonic Lodges for contributions to the numerous charities have increased materially, it being difficult to say 'no' to some after contributing to others. Some Lodges were submitting the amount paid charities as a part of their charity contributions to equal the \$1.00 per capita—after which Grand Lodge reimburses the local Lodge. Further, other local charities such as Community Chest, Hospital Drives, War Memorials, etc., each with local members interested, were exerting pressure for their favorite charities. With the Grand Lodge making

refunds under certain conditions and at least one Lodge not having sufficient funds to discharge its Charity requirements without calling on Grand Lodge, I gave the following ruling in an endeavor to safeguard Grand Lodge's interests:

'Lodge funds should not be used for other than legitimate Masonic purposes and it is improper for a Lodge to vote to donate any part of its funds to any organization or activity not administered by Masonic Agencies.'

'Neither shall a special assessment be voted by the Lodge for that purpose.'

'If a Lodge desires to make a contribution to any non-Masonic undertaking, charitable or otherwise, funds for the purpose may be raised by voluntary subscription or contribution of its members.'

SHORTENING PROCESS OF CALLING OFF

"Shortening of the process of calling off from the third degree to labor of the first or second degree.

"Permission was requested to shorten if possible our present lengthy method of 'calling off' when there was no intervening interval. After consideration I made the following ruling:

'When a Lodge has been opened in due form on the Master Mason's degree and it becomes necessary to suspend work on that degree for the purpose of working the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft degree without any intervening interval, it is not necessary that the ritualistic form of calling from labor to refreshment or from refreshment to labor on the lower degree be fully complied with. It is proper for the Master to make a single declaration directly from the East as follows:

"I hereby declare labor on the third degree suspended and that labor be resumed on the first (or second) degree. Bro. Junior Deacon inform the Tyler. Bro. Senior Deacon attend at the altar."

'When the work of the lower degree is completed the Master by a similar declaration may direct labor on the third degree resumed. In such cases care must be taken that labor on the third degree is resumed before the Lodge is closed.'"

ILLINOIS. Grand Master. 1944

"Following the last World War, the Lodges enjoyed a great period of prosperity, the result in many cases being that Masonic Temples were erected at a greater cost than circumstances would justify. It is very regrettable that this was the case, because in many instances much embarrassment has resulted, due to the fact that the Lodge or Temple Association, as the case might be, was unable to meet its obligations and thereby created an unfavorable situation in the community where the building was located that made serious reflections upon the fraternity in the whole state. It has always seemed to me that the Grand Lodge should exercise some control over situations of this kind, and I believe it will be for the best interests of our fraternity if such legislation is enacted. When this war has drawn to a close, it may be that there will be a repetition of what happened after the other war, and it is quite necessary that we should legislate at this time to prevent a recurrence of acquiring or building new Temples and incurring a heavy indebtedness for that purpose. Personally, I believe that the Grand Lodge should enact legislation forbidding any Lodge to acquire real estate or build a building for its occupancy, or both, unless the Lodge has on hand enough money to pay at least two-thirds of the cost of the property and the erection and furnishing of the building. I trust that favorable legislation may be had upon this matter and thus preclude embarrassment to the Lodges and their members, and to that end an amendment to the Code will be presented, and I trust enacted at this session."

ILLINOIS. Grand Master. 1944

"Freemasonry, because of its philosophy and teachings, must necessarily be conservative, but that does not mean that we must cling so closely to customs of the past that we overlook the progress the world is making. We need also to be endowed with some idea of liberalism. Often we hear the complaint that it is hard to procure much of an

attendance at Lodge meetings, especially at the regular, monthly, business meetings. It would seem to me that that condition might be changed by providing something that would attract our members. In years gone by, members looked forward to 'Lodge Night,' as that was an occasion when they would enjoy the companionship and social features that men enjoy when they are gathered together. In many places there were but few things that one could do for entertainment except to attend the Lodge meetings. That was before the days of automobiles, radios, moving picture theatres, and various clubs where men could dine together and enjoy each others' society. Today, that is vastly changed. There is scarcely a community anywhere in the land where there are not many attractions vieing with the Lodge for attendance. Something should be done to vary the monotony that comes from witnessing ritualistic matters meeting after meeting. Even witnessing the degrees conferred in a most creditable manner finally satiates one and becomes somewhat monotonous. This can best be illustrated by the fact that no matter how good a theatrical performance may be, there are not many who desire to see it more than once. After all, variety is the spice of life. This leads me to repeat the suggestion that was made by Past Grand Master, Brother Karl J. Mohr, last year, that we have candidates in classes and that we shorten the conferring of the degrees and the ceremony of opening the meetings. Our Lodges have, in many instances, become machines for grinding out degrees. Many Lodges during the past year have worked almost continuously conferring degrees upon candidates. Would it not have been better to have grouped these candidates and had one night a month for each degree and confer the degree upon several at one time? This would, undoubtedly, stimulate attendance. Meetings could be begun prior to the dinner hour, and the brethren would have the benefit of the fellowship and the social companionship which comes from joining together at the dining table."

NORTH DAKOTA. Grand Master. 1944

"There is a marked revival in the appreciation of the teachings of Masonry, and the excellent reputation it has maintained all these years. I deeply appreciate this hearty co-operation of the Masters and other officers of the several Lodges in this jurisdiction. Without such support and co-operation there is little that the officers of the Grand Lodge can accomplish. To those few officers who failed to rise to the responsibilities of their high offices, we feel that they have made a serious mistake and have fumbled the opportunity that they have had to serve their Lodges and their community. As we journey through life we should leave upon the records something to merit the reward, 'Well done, thou faithful servant'; and some constructive work or deed that will help those of coming years to find a way in life somewhat better and less darkened by confusion. It behooves all Masters and other officers of the Lodges to recognize the fact that they must serve well and fully the Craft while they are in office, that there may be a better understanding of the value of the philosophy of Masonry to all mankind. Disregard of the obligations assumed by any officer does not help Masonry. The officers of the Grand Lodge must have the whole-hearted co-operation of the officers of the respective Lodges if this institution is going to continue to be one of the greatest fraternal organizations in the world of enlightened men, and continue to be a help, comfort and service to all who belong to it. Masonry is a progressive science. It cannot live on its past achievements and most excellent record. Its membership must move with the events of the day, but hold fast to those virtues taught us in our lessons, and which can never be violated without loss to themselves and our brethren. Masonry is the very breath of freedom, but he who is well informed fully realizes that with freedom there also follows an equally great and heavy responsibility. We of these United States have become used to enjoying life in abundance, and may it ever be so and better. The days ahead need not be burdensome or difficult and there should be

plenty of the fruits of mind and labor to go around, even to reach the most lowly, if there be co-operation and intelligent understanding. We are situated in a land that yields abundantly the resources necessary to provide us with food, shelter and clothing in a great plenty. The only problem before us then is to make use of these abundant resources to provide enough for all that our homes may be the most comfortable, our business institutions most efficient, our factories great producers, and the facilities of education, entertainment, travel and communication available to all, even to those of very limited means. Brethren, I call your attention to this word picture of America that you may appreciate its possibilities even at this dark time, that we may renew our faith and confidence in this great country and look forward to a greater nation in the not distant future. Let us not fear the conditions that some expect to come with the close of war, as though it might be better to continue with the war rather than to turn back to peace and constructive work. There is a way through the seemingly difficult days of change from war activities to peaceful work. We Masons know much about how it can be done, and we know it must be done in a spirit of co-operation and recognition of the rights of others and in a true spirit of brotherly love. There need be no hardships to men of this land if the sun continues to shine, the rains come in timely season and the soil to yield as abundantly as it has in the past. He who holds in his heart the philosophy of Masonry will be a stabilizing factor to society in the days to come just as he has been in the days gone by, and as Masons have in the past contributed much to the beauty, power and greater life of this nation, so must we accept the challenge of the present day and put forth our best efforts to make intelligent use of the resources at hand, that we may have the fruits of our labor and live that more abundant life. Let us not be led away from those high ideals of life which have governed us in the past and which have contributed so much to the welfare of the people of this country, and has made this country the great nation that it really is today."

CANADA (In the Province of Ontario). Grand Master. 1944

"In his splendid review of a year ago, M.W. Bro. McRae said, 'Today we are on the threshold of great, dynamic and incalculable events.' That threshold is now being crossed; the door is opening and we can, with more certainty, look into the future. In every theatre of this global war, success has been and is daily becoming more our portion. Today the men of the Empire with their gallant comrades from our great neighbor to the South of us, have, despite the difficulties of terrain and weather, pushed the enemy into the northern territory of Italy. In the Pacific the Jap has been hounded from his treacherous gains, and each succeeding week sees the noose being tightened, his fleet being reduced, and the ultimate day of retribution nearer.

"On the Eastern European Front, the magnificent army of our Soviet Allies has demonstrated that, for them, peace will not come until it is written in Berlin. The seas have been made safer; the air has become more of our joint possession; and now the western front, to which the eyes of all peoples have been turning for more than four years, has become a reality. Four years ago a battered and weary remnant of a proud army left the shores of France, glorious in its courage and fired by a determination that there would be another day. Yes, most of the world in its heart felt sorry for England and the Empire. This was the end. Another proud Empire had followed Babylon, Greece and Rome into the misty pages of history. The world could little understand a call to a people that promised only blood, sweat, tears and toil. That phrase, my brethren, contained the complete story of Britain's greatness,—the price she had paid through the years to attain her proud place. Sacrifice, physical pain and discomfort, sorrow and then hard work; these had made her great; these would keep her great.

"Yes, we made a promise at Dunkirk that some day, be it soon or distant, be the road easy or hard, we would return to the soil of Europe. Four long years, years in which all that a wicked and heartless foe could offer, have

been sustained, more particularly by our kith and kin in the homeland. Four long years have gone into the story of war, years in which men have wondered how that promise could be fulfilled, years in which it has been known that, if we did not return, 'stalemate' with all its uncertainties, its indecision, its preparations for a third war would be our portion. Today the men of America and Britain have returned to Europe; that door has been sprung and is opening ever wider.

"On this day our first thought is of gratitude to the Eternal Father of mankind. How well can we understand the song of the Psalmist of old in the 124th Psalm which has been made so precious to us in the Ancient Scottish Psalter:

'Now Israel may say and that truly:
If that the Lord had not our cause maintained,
If that the Lord had not our right sustained,
When cruel men against us furiously
Rose up in wrath, to make of us their prey,
Then certainly they had devoured us all,
And swallowed quick, for ought that we could deem.

Therefore our help is in the Lord's great name,
Who heaven and earth by His great power did frame.'

"This advance nearer Victory has been bought at a price. It has been paid for in the noblest coin of all,—sacrifice,—the warm, red blood of our youth, whose courage, suffering, devotion and sacrifice must ever be remembered if we are to be worthy of them. In the last great analysis they have demonstrated, notwithstanding the fears so openly, even blatantly expressed just a few short years ago, that our race has not degenerated but has maintained and excelled the glorious courage of the storied days of the past."

MASTERS OUTSIDE LODGE JURISDICTION

"It has been ruled and confirmed by Grand Lodge that 'a brother who does not reside within the jurisdiction of his Lodge may not be installed as Master except with the consent of the Grand Master.' Notwithstanding this ruling,

twelve Lodges installed Masters whose installation was subject to the Grand Master's permission, without having previously obtained such permission. While these installations were later confirmed by me, Lodges should note that similar treatment may not be given by me or other Grand Masters in future. This ruling was made for the general good of the Craft and of the constituent Lodges. The duties of the Master comprise a great deal more than simply presiding at the meetings of the Lodge, and many of his duties cannot be delegated to some other brother, no matter what his rank may be. I refused such permission where the brother had moved to so great a distance from the Lodge that it was obvious the interests of the Lodge must suffer.

SUNDAY MEETINGS

"During the absence of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, a Lodge summons was received indicating that a meeting had been called for a Sunday for the purpose of conferring degrees. Unfortunately, the meeting was held before I had an opportunity to see the summons. A year ago a Lodge was directed by the Grand Master to cancel a meeting called for Sunday, for the Installation of Officers. Surely this action should have indicated, if any such indication is necessary to Masons, that it was considered highly improper to hold a meeting on Sunday, other than for the purpose of attending Divine Service or for a Masonic Funeral. However, to place the matter clearly on record, I ask Grand Lodge to confirm the following ruling:

"'No meeting can be held by a constituent Lodge on Sunday, except for the purpose of attending Divine Service or for performing the Funeral Ceremonies of the Craft.'

PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

"In 1926 Most Wor. Bro. Rowland made certain recommendations with respect to the installation of brethren with physical disabilities as Worshipful Master, and it was then decided that 'no member who is suffering from a disability which prevents him from literally complying with our ritual and ceremonies should be elected and installed as Worship-

ful Master of a Lodge, without a special dispensation from the Grand Master.' In the light of our experience since then, I am of the opinion that the matter should again be reviewed. It places too heavy a charge on any Grand Master to be asked for a decision after the disabled brother has been appointed or elected to the various offices which lead to that of Worshipful Master, a period of perhaps from seven to ten years. Then again, it ultimately leaves the matter entirely to the personal opinion and discretion of an individual, and my experience has taught me that, in many of such matters, personal opinion and discretion at such a time are not the best guides. If a definite decision to apply to all cases cannot be made, I do think that Grand Lodge might well reconsider the time at which the decision is to be made by the Grand Master. My opinion is that no brother who is unable to perform the duties of even the minor offices in our ceremonies, should be started in the line of office which leads to the East, and it is at that starting time that the permission of the Grand Master should be sought."

PENNSYLVANIA. Grand Master. 1944

EDICTS

"Set aside the action of Lodge No. 278 on the petition for initiation and membership of William J. Russell and all action taken thereon including his initiation and directed that all moneys paid as fees and dues be returned to him for the reason that he was unable to read, write or comprehend the English language.

"Edicts have been issued respecting material rejected in this jurisdiction as follows:

"Set aside the action of Lodge No. 246 on the petition of Raymond Julius Silver; directed that his name be stricken from the roll of members of said Lodge, and all moneys paid as fees and dues be returned to him, for the reason that he was not under the tongue of good Masonic report.

"Set aside the action of Lodge No. 291 on the petition for initiation and membership of Adolph Herman Strohl, and all action taken thereon; directed that all moneys paid as fees and dues be returned to him and that his name be stricken from the roll of members of said Lodge, for the reason that he falsified in his petition to the Lodge.

"Set aside the action of Lodge No. 246 on the petition for initiation and membership of Martin J. Green, and all action taken thereon; directed that all moneys paid as fees and dues be returned to him and that his name be stricken from the roll of membership of said Lodge, for the reason he falsified in his petition to the Lodge.

"Set aside the action of Lodge No. 359, Philadelphia, on the petition of Harry Conrad Kube; directed that his name be stricken from the roll of members of said Lodge, and all moneys paid as fees and dues be returned to him, for the reason that he was not under the tongue of good Masonic report."

DECISIONS

"In order to clarify an apparent misunderstanding which appears to prevail in this Jurisdiction, it is my decision that "Free Born" does not in any manner refer to illegitimacy and inasmuch as it appears to me that by Decisions Nos. 179, 599 and 600, of the Digest of Decisions, many honest and respectable men have, through no fault of their own, been deprived of the privileges of becoming members of our Fraternity, I am of the opinion, after very serious consideration, that such decisions should no longer be part of the Rules and Regulations governing admissions to our Fraternity and I therefore now revoke said Decisions Nos. 179, 599 and 600, of the 1937 Edition of the Digest of Decisions, above referred to, in the hope that we may correct a serious injustice which has for a number of years been permitted to exist in our Fraternity."

OHIO. Grand Master. 1944

“‘Once a Mason, always a Mason,’ is true so far as it relates to the use to which Masonic teachings have been absorbed and faithfully lived. The extent to which the lessons of the square, the level, and the plumb are used daily will determine whether a man’s life will always be Masonic.

“Generally speaking, a man is unaffiliated because he has lost interest in Masonry. We need to exert all possible effort to have such men affiliate and revive their interest in Masonry for the contribution their presence among us will have upon the moral and spiritual welfare of our country in the days after the war. There are thousands of unaffiliated Masons in the State of Ohio. Many of our members come in contact with them almost daily. No doubt with the great ingathering of Masons among our Lodges at the present time, a word to the unaffiliated would awaken in them a desire to become active again. There is one incentive that might be offered and that is the abolishing of the affiliation fee. It is thought by many that there should be no affiliation fee. A Brother has paid the required fee for the degrees and nothing additional should be required for him to pay in transferring to another Lodge. I am recommending that our Lodges discontinue the charging of an affiliation fee, keeping in mind that they are obtaining dues-paying members and these represent a regular annual income.

NEW MEMBERS

“When I entered upon my term as Grand Master, I immediately incorporated into my program a thought which has been with me for a number of years, and which became more active in my mind after the start of the present war, and that is that more attention should be paid to new members after they have completed their work. In too many cases very little or nothing is done to inspire an interest on the part of the new members in their Lodges. Many of the new members are of a makeup that requires something in addition to the conferring of the degrees to get them to

come back to Lodge. It may be timidity, self-consciousness, or lack of close acquaintance in the Lodge. In my opinion, it was imperative that a program be started to interest our new members at once, particularly because of the fact that many of our candidates are in the service and have or will receive some or all of their degrees in other Jurisdictions. Therefore, I directed the District Deputy Grand Masters to ask each of their Lodges to appoint a Committee for the purpose of contacting each new member at least once during the year, immediately following his admission into the Lodge, and to perhaps set aside a night for them in the Lodge.

"I am indeed pleased to report that the Lodges in Ohio have recognized the importance of this work, and during this year have done a great deal in contacting their new members and arranging special meetings for them in their Lodges, and I wish to thank each and every Lodge which has followed out my program in this respect.

"I am sure that in the days and years to come, the benefit from work of this kind will be most apparent to all."

SCOTLAND. Grand Master. 1945

THE LATE BROTHER FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason made sympathetic reference to the profound loss suffered by Free-masonry through the death of the President of the United States of America, Brother Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and intimated that he had sent a message of condolence to each of the Grand Lodges in the United States which exchange representatives with the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

CONGRATULATIONS
BROTHER HARRY S. TRUMAN

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason announced that it was with peculiar pride he sent congratulations on behalf of his Scottish Brethren to the new President of the United States, Brother Harry S. Truman, Representative of

the Grand Lodge of Scotland near the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

TASMANIA. Board of General Purposes. 1945

"A letter has been received from the Military Postal Authorities stating that in view of the antagonism by Nazis towards Freemasonry and Freemasons, the District Censors have requested that in the interests of Prisoners of War, who are members of our Order, no indication be given either by correspondence or when forwarding parcels by Masons or any Masonic body that would disclose that the addressees are Freemasons or associated with Freemasonry. A circular to this effect has been issued to all Lodges for their guidance.

"A circular has also been issued to Lodges advising that the Grand Master, on the recommendation of the Board, has agreed to suspend the operation of Reg. 208, to enable Lodges to have a substituted Master Mason's Apron made of suitable material, say of white linen or calico, until such time as the correct White Lambskin Aprons are available."

QUEBEC. Grand Master. 1943

When we met here one year ago the powers of aggression directed by powerful and cruel men were still extending their domination of free peoples all over the world. Recent events warrant the impression that the tide of battle has definitely turned and that the forces of right, justice, and freedom will finally overcome the aggressor. It is our paramount duty, not only as citizens but as Masons, to lend all our efforts to the early accomplishment of this objective.

Our very existence is at stake, for, did not victory crown our aims, the cherished ideals of this ancient and honourable institution and the freedoms so painfully and slowly acquired through the centuries would pass from the earth for generations to come.

As we meet here in comfort and security at this time, our thoughts are naturally directed to those of our less fortunate Brethren in countries occupied by the enemy, who, are not only deprived of their Masonic privileges but who are subject to special persecution by the ruthless enemy who hates every type of free institution. We pray for their early deliverance.

We rejoice that so many of our brethren, true to the principles inculcated in them at their initiation, are in the fighting forces or otherwise serving their country. We pray for their success and safe return among us.

Brethren in the Armed Forces are cautioned, when in the actual theatre of war, not to carry with them any Masonic emblem, travelling certificate or any other means of Masonic identification which, if they were captured by the enemy, would substantially add to their danger and persecution.

As the way becomes a little clearer and the goal of Victory becomes more distinct, it is perhaps proper that we pause to reconsider the principles for which we fight; they have been stated as religious liberty, freedom of speech, our system of justice and self-government and the full opportunity of the individual for self-development and advancement.

Under the operation of our system prior to the war, the real fruits of these freedoms were not enjoyed by a large number of our people. Ill-fed, ill-clothed, and ill-housed, rendered almost hopeless by their condition, they had little opportunity or ambition to rise out of the mire. A charitably-minded community considered its duty discharged if it kept that portion of society from actual starvation. But now our horizon is widening, public consciousness is awakened and the principles of our beloved Order—brotherly love, relief and truth—are to be the basis of a new civilization.

The four great and essential freedoms which the leaders of the two great Anglo-Saxon nations have declared to be

the basis of a finer civilization would have been achieved long years ago, had the world practiced the cardinal virtues taught by our Masonic Art. Care must, however, be taken in considering the many schemes for the amelioration of conditions, lest we present an illusion—that progress can be attained by legislation only and that ancient virtues of work, faith, thrift and courage which our civilization has advanced to its present stage, are no longer requisite.

As the true Mason searches for the truth slowly and painfully through the eternal mysteries of nature and science, so the world must make its progress through toil and sweat and blood and tears, and, however may be divided the good things of the earth, there is only available the total produced by the efforts of the individuals. To the extent that a higher life is accorded to those not fully contributing therefor, the balance of the community must work harder to compensate, or materially reduce their own standard. All theories which are opposed to the foregoing can, if put into practice, only lead to chaos and disillusionment. Common sense and goodwill will be much required in the testing days that are to come.

There have been repeated suggestions during the past few years that the Masonic Order should widen its scope and take a larger place in public affairs. It has been pointed out that the excellent work done by service clubs and other organizations places them in an enviable position to attract members by the public knowing of the work done by them. I can see no advantage in our Order entering into this field which is sufficiently well covered even if it were desirable, which I do not consider it is.

It must be recognized that the Masonic Order is in the last analysis a philosophy of life and likely to appeal to the few rather than the many. Its contribution to the field of public service must necessarily be indirect rather than direct. Members of the Order, as individuals, take a foremost place in positions of State, church and these institutions organized for the alleviation of suffering or the im-

provement of the status of humanity. The active efforts put forward by members of the Craft in these directions carries with it an influence very much out of proportion to the number contributing.

There has been the feeling in certain quarters that the Masonic Order is getting out of date. The principles upon which the Order rests are eternal and will never be out of date. As the members of the Order become more conscious of the extent of their responsibility to carry out to the fullest extent the principles and teachings of the Order, will their influence be felt both in their own community and in the country at large. Thus will they truly help Masonry to fulfil its high destiny in the advance of civilization.

I have been astonished at the deplorable ignorance displayed on the part of the average Mason with respect to Grand Lodge affairs, its Constitution, its history, its financial positions and its progress. The Masters of the Constituent Lodges, in particular, and the line of District Deputy Grand Masters, in general, must be considered as responsible.

Much valuable information is contained in the published Proceedings of each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge which are distributed to the secretaries of each Lodge and which is the property of each Lodge. On the first page of such Proceedings are the words "Ordered to be read in all Lodges and preserved." It is not recommended that the entire report be read annually in each Lodge, but substantial excerpts must be so done in order that the Craft in general may be kept informed as to what has taken place at the Annual Communication, the progress of the Order, etc., omitting the statistical part of the Grand Master's address and the details of his visit, the review of his principal acts and his summary of the condition of the Order should be presented to the Lodge as well as such matters of interest as the Grand Secretary's report, the report of the respective District Deputy Grand Master, the report on the State of Masonry, the report of the Permanent Committee

and that of any other committee as would be interesting and informative, while a summary of the financial position would doubtless be of interest to the members. Any neglect to perform this duty is a breach of discipline which cannot be permitted to continue. The District Deputy Grand Master should report on this matter relative to each official visit he pays.

The tendency becoming annually more evident of lodges to seek outside the Craft for speakers at banquets, etc., who speak on non-Masonic subjects is to be deplored. In the Craft are available many speakers who could present interesting and instructive addresses on Masonic subjects to the enlightenment of their brethren. The desire of many Masters of the Constituent Lodges to fill practically the entire refreshment hour with speeches and so limit the friendly social intercourse which knits the brethren together defeats one of the main purposes of our Order.

KENTUCKY. Grand Master. 1944

“Masonry stands for all the good things in life and none of the bad. It stands for those things which are for the betterment of mankind. Any order that has such an objective is worthy of the profound study of all men who are interested in the welfare of the human race. This Order appeals to the best men of your generation and mine, it has appealed to the best men of generations gone by, and I know it is going to appeal, perhaps even more so, to those who are yet to come.

“Masons have played an important part in the history of this country from its beginning down to the present time; they are playing an important part now, and I believe they are destined to play an even more important part in the future. Masons wrote the Declaration of Independence; Masons wrote the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights; and as you read those famous documents you will see that they are not only filled but that they are overflowing

with the ideals and principles of Masonry. I like to look upon Masonry and America as synonymous terms, each representing the great ideas of a free and liberty-loving people; and to me, they are synonymous terms. The ideals of America and the ideals of Masonry are one and the same.

"The keynote of Masonry is Service, and if there ever was a time in the history of the world when the opportunity to serve was present it is now; and if there ever was a time in the history of the world when the spirit of fraternalism was needed it is today. That is what is wrong with the world today; it is lacking in that fraternal spirit and feeling that is represented by this Masonic institution; if that spirit and feeling of fraternalism could permeate throughout the world, we would not now be engaged in the great catastrophe and bloodshed and misery and suffering that is going on today.

"We hear much about the Four Freedoms. The four freedoms the world needs today are freedom from hate, freedom from greed, freedom from intolerance, and freedom from prejudice. If we had those four freedoms throughout the world, everything would be all right. They are the freedoms that Masonry will teach and does teach and has taught and will continue to teach throughout the ages. This may not be expressed in just the exact words, but that is the meaning of the freedoms that we have and that this great fraternity stands for.

"But, my brethren, with it all, we are faced with grim realities. We are engaged in a mighty conflict, and there is no need to ask where Masonry stands in this world crisis. Every principle on which our philosophy is based has been violated; every ideal that we cherish has been trampled under the iron heel; every moral aspiration has been sneered at and spat upon. Virtue, honor, and mercy have been expunged from the totalitarian dictionaries. Faith, hope and charity are torn from the hearts of men to make room for lust, hate and cruelty. The altars of our fathers have been cast down. Not one stone of the Temple of Justice has been left standing upon another. Masonry cannot view this destruction of civilization with the detached interest of a

neutral, for every tenet and principle it enunciates is being foully abused and overthrown. Its voice must be raised in solemn condemnation of the aggressors; its influence must be exercised to awaken the public conscience to the desperate plight of free institutions and free people; its every effort and resource must be dedicated to bringing about the final triumph of Right over Might.

"We have had handed down to us, my brethren, a glorious heritage; we are proud of that heritage, and our job is to start here and carry on into the future. It is our job to hold fast to the ideals of this great fraternity; to carry that torch and to hold it high, that it may shed light throughout a darkened world.

"We are going to win this war in which we are engaged, and when we do, and when the lights go on again all over the world, I believe that fraternalism is going to flourish more than ever before. We are going to look through the dark clouds and into the silver lining that lies ahead; Masonry is going to play a very important part in building the idealism that is to be, the dream of a free people, as we enter upon the future.

"It was Albert Pike who said 'What we do for ourselves alone dies with us; what we do for others and the world lives and is immortal.' It is in that spirit that I enter upon the solemn duties of the important office as your Grand Master and assume the trust you have placed in my hands, with the sincere desire and hope that I may be able to render some worth-while service to this Fraternity that will live forever. In that spirit of service let me give you this philosophy of life expressed in verse:

"Do not live to make a living,
Rather live to make a life,
For the measure of succeeding
Is your service in the strife.

"All that you leave behind you
When your soul has crossed the bay,
Is the good you've done to others
As you tarried by the way."

CONDITION OF THE FRATERNITY

MAINE. Grand Master. 1944

"As of March 1, 1944, the membership of the constituent lodges was 35,532, representing a gain of 825 for the year. We have reason to congratulate ourselves that so substantial a gain has been made; it is not so great as to create the suspicion that lodges are not giving careful scrutiny to those who would become members, nor is it so small as to give rise to the fear that the fraternity may be losing its appeal to the worthy. It is a healthy gain, one in which we can take great satisfaction."

MINNESOTA. Grand Master. 1944

STATE OF THE CRAFT

"It is customary to give a brief review of the state of the Craft with reference to gains and losses in membership for the year. Due to present conditions I feel that I should dwell somewhat more at length on this subject. It appears that many more than in a number of past years are now knocking at our doors and I have been frequently asked to grant dispensations to confer the Degrees on more than five and not more than ten candidates at one time. Some might look with alarm on this condition. May I call your attention to the distressing decade of the Thirties. Not so many were seeking admission into our Fraternity during that period. While it was a period of widespread distress I am sure that many did desire to join with us but for financial reasons were unable to do so. It was also a period when many a brother was dropped for non-payment of dues. In a recent survey made in three sections of the country, it was found that the Lodges there had nearly three times as many Masons over the age of seventy than they had under the age of thirty. We can well be proud of those over seventy years of age who have been faithful throughout the years. However, we have a ten-year period when we did not receive many petitions from those in their twenties. With improved conditions they are now appearing at our doors and

coming in as an older age group. We are now granting them the opportunity to realize their long cherished desires. Then too, a number of young men entering the armed forces of the United States have been seeking admission and I know of no desire that could be more worthy of consideration than that these young men be privileged to receive the Degrees in their home Lodge where a father or a brother who is a Mason, may reside. Yet in the receiving of an increasing number of applications the qualification of those who seek admission to our Fraternity should continually be the concern of the Lodge Officers and the Brethren, to see that none who are unworthy may be received.

"During the year there were the following gains and losses:

Raised	1420
Affiliated	446
Restored	394
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Total Gains	2260
Withdrawn	485
Stricken	476
Deceased	851
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Total Losses	1812
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Net Gain	448

"It is gratifying to note and I am pleased to report to you that for the first time since 1929 this Grand Lodge has shown a net gain. Our membership ledger is again in the black. We trust it will remain there.

NEBRASKA. Grand Master. 1944

STATE OF THE ORDER—THE FUTURE

"Most of the lodges in this jurisdiction have 'lots of work.' Some of the larger lodges can hardly keep up with the demands. Next year should show a far greater gain in membership than this year. Yes, many are seeking the

light of Masonry and I hope that they will find the light of Masonry impressively interpreted and a true fellowship among their brethren that will bind them forever to this great institution.

"Masonry has always upheld the American way of life; the great leaders and patriots of the past have pointed out the way we should travel, and to those who have contributed so largely to the political, social and moral frame of this great country of ours, we should honor by following in the paths that they have marked out before us. As the world rolls on and on, the part Masonry has to play, becomes more and more evident. How well Masonry will function, will depend upon the INDIVIDUAL Mason!

"Many problems have been presented during the year in regard to some of our lodges in small towns, hard hit by war conditions. We have possibly too many lodges in some sections, too close together. Very little can be done about these until after the war has ceased and it is known whether our young men, now engaged in other pursuits, will return to Nebraska. The state has lost population through emigration to other localities seeking more lucrative employment. Will they return again?

"Money is plentiful at present. Let me warn you, as executive officers of your lodge, in the most solemn manner at my command: Put Your House In Order Now! If your lodge owes money, now is the time to plan to get out of debt. If there is a large amount of uncollected dues, do something about it. Compromise with these brethren, especially if they are no longer resident, and get on a current basis with all members. There will be a bad time following this conflict.

"This year, several lodges have sent in to our Grand Secretary, advance payments on their Grand Lodge Fees and Dues bill for the year. That would be a splendid practice for all lodges to adopt. Many brethren do not understand that we are always a year behind in our payments. Try and do this, this year.

"Plan now for years to come. Adopt a budget system, to govern your expenditures. Set aside funds for the rainy day that is coming. Let us be in position that no lodge in Nebraska will suffer when depression strikes again and it is surely coming. A glorious future will lie ahead for Freemasonry in Nebraska, if we will meet our problems with wise plans, with courage and faith. Remember it largely depends on you, the individual. What is everybody's business is nobody's business."

ALBERTA. Grand Master. 1944

Masonry in Alberta I am happy to report is very much alive. A larger number of applications for initiation have been received than since 1939, resulting in an increase in membership of 128.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Board of General Purposes. 1943

MEMBERSHIP

"The number of members on the register on June 30th, 1943, was 14,046, an increase for the year of 489, the highest recorded since the year ended June 30th, 1928. The figures show that there have been 751 initiations (223 above last year), 250 joinings (37 in excess of 1942) and decreases of 3 in affiliations and 166 in removals."

SOUTH DAKOTA. Grand Master. 1944

MEMBERSHIP AND CONSTITUENT LODGES

"Masonry is thriving in South Dakota. The spirit of Service is manifest in every section of the jurisdiction. Masonic fraternalism has become a fraternalism of the heart rather than that of good fellowship. Let us thank God for this, as it makes it possible for us to do something worthwhile and the world better for our existence in it. We are building for the best that there is in life. Building for character, friendship, morality and brotherly love. Let us

keep this in mind and not live for ourselves alone. The Grand Lodge and the Constituent Lodges are in good financial condition and there should not be any fears as to the growth and progress of our great Fraternity."

NEW ZEALAND. Board of General Purposes. 1943

"(Condition of the Craft.) This clause was informative. The President of the Board remarked upon the gratifying advance made during the year, bringing the membership of the Craft to 27,685, the highest since Grand Lodge was inaugurated. He said that the previous peak was in 1931, when the membership reached 27,301. During the succeeding years there was a falling off until 1936, when the membership was 25,466. Since then the membership had increased annually.

"The motion for the adoption of the clause was seconded by W. Bro. Clay.

"The Grand Master said he thought they might reasonably look forward to a large influx when times became normal again. The future seemed to hold great prospects for the Craft in New Zealand."

NEVADA. Grand Master. 1944

"The generally harmonious attitude in the Craft, the sustained Masonic interest, the efforts of those entrusted with leadership to maintain and improve our Lodge meetings, the spirit of willingness of the Brethren to perform cheerfully such Masonic tasks as fall to their lot is evidence that Masonry in Nevada is in a healthy condition.

"All of our lodges, with few exceptions, are busy conferring degrees, both on their own candidates and courtesy degrees. They have kept their finances on a sound basis, standing behind our Government in the present emergency, through the purchase of war bonds. They have contributed liberally to the Masonic Service Association and other organizations that have to do with the war effort. Individual

craftsmen are active on draft boards, ration boards and are faithfully fulfilling their duty to their government both as Masons and Americans."

NOVA SCOTIA. Grand Master. 1944

"Masonry made great strides forward during the past year. Our membership increased materially and the Grand Lodge and all subordinate Lodge finances are in a healthy condition. There was a marked increase in Lodge attendance and the interest and enthusiasm of the brethren correspondingly increased. This was due to greater prosperity and the fact that in times of great stress and strain men naturally turn to the better institutions.

"During the year the Grand Lodge Officers and myself worked out several plans which we believe were for the good of the Order:

SUSPENDED MEMBERS

"We made an effort to have worthy suspended Masons return to their Lodges. As a result 135 members came back. This compares favorably with the average of 58 for the past six years."

WISCONSIN. Grand Secretary. 1944

We are pleased to note that Masonry the past year has gone forward particularly in the point of membership, showing a net gain of 454, and, we believe, in the real Masonic spirit as well. Today great numbers are knocking at the door for admission into the Masonic fraternity. May we suggest that we be watchful and guarded as to those who are admitted into our Craft and see that none pass except those that may be duly qualified to be received and accepted into our Craft as far as moral and physical qualifications are concerned.

I am pleased to note that many lodges are making an honest endeavor to make Masons rather than add names to the roster.

NEW JERSEY. Grand Master. 1944

During the year, owing to conditions prevailing as a result of the war, Masonry has felt the results, and for the first time since 1932 we are reporting a net gain. While this number is not so large, namely 680, still it represents an advance. But with these changing conditions, brethren, let us not become careless in that we think only of numbers, but let us be particularly careful in the selection of our members and seek to make Good Masons rather than numbers.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1944

"It is gratifying to know that, even with a world at war to determine whether men shall remain free or become slaves, the principles of Freemasonry are still commanding themselves to men. We appreciate that evident trend, but in view of it we must be especially careful in our investigations of those who seek to join our ranks. We all know that after the last war many applied for, and some gained admission, to the privileges of Masonry who had no conception of what Masonry stands for. All that concerned them was that it was an influential organization and that prestige attached to membership in it. Such initiates are of no value, and throughout the course of their Masonic lives may be members of Lodges but are never Freemasons. Probably, almost certainly, we will find many after this war desiring to join the Craft for what they think they can get out of it. Such applicants are better outside than in, and Lodges will do well to examine very critically every application for membership."

MONTANA. Grand Master. 1944

"I am very happy to report that peace and harmony have generally prevailed and the condition of the Craft is better than for many years. We are reporting a net gain of 667 members. This is the largest growth we have had

for many years and is very gratifying. Most of the Lodges have been very active, a total of 2,972 degrees were conferred. The generally prosperous conditions that prevail make it possible to report only 135 members suspended for nonpayment of dues, the lowest number in many years. More degree work makes better work, and what I have seen has usually been exceptionally good.

"The financial condition of the lodges is generally much improved. I have participated in mortgage burning ceremonies for four lodges. It is a pleasure to report these prosperous conditions, which are so different from the reports all through the 'Thirties' when our reports were showing serious losses, and finances were generally in pretty bad shape. I sincerely hope our present satisfactory gains continue through the years to follow."

OKLAHOMA. Grand Master. 1944

"Some weak Lodges actually unable to carry on do not want to consolidate because some relative of members was a charter member or for some similar reason, little realizing that Masonry is being injured and they are receiving but little benefit from an inactive Lodge. The profane is not interested in petitioning for the degrees in a 'dead Lodge' and do not forget they know whether you are meeting or not.

"Frequent requests for opinions and decisions have been made but they have been answered in most cases by merely referring to the law that is applicable. There are still individuals, as well as Lodges, that do not know that a dispensation issued by a Grand Master does not reach beyond the term of his office. Some Lodges are still relying on dispensations issued some years ago to justify their action now. A few still claim they thought that it made no difference where the Entered Apprentice Contribution came from so long as it was paid, and they have been taking it out of the minimum fee for the degrees.

"Out of the first 256 Lodges making report there were 74 that state they cannot confer the degrees without outside help. Some claim they can confer all the degrees but the District Deputy Grand Master is somewhat dubious. When we consider that three out of each ten Lodges cannot confer the degrees, we definitely are not getting the results desired. We must give it serious consideration and plan to make a correction.

"In my opinion a great deal more attention should be given to Lodge schools, particularly having in mind developing the small Lodge to where it can confer the degrees with at least some degree of accuracy, rather than permit ourselves to follow the line of least resistance in holding District schools for the primary purpose of producing as many Certificate Lectures as possible."

NEW YORK. Grand Master. 1944

"I take not a little satisfaction in being able to report to you that in 1943, for the first time since 1929 the Fraternity in New York State sustained a gain in membership. Each year, for thirteen years, it has been necessary to report a net loss and I know that you will rejoice with me that the tide has now turned, and that last year we had a net gain of 2,527 members.

"I should not want you to think, that, in reporting and thus commenting upon this fact, I take any personal credit for it, or that I regard mere numbers as a goal in themselves. Quite the contrary; the increase is a product of the times and will be of benefit to us only if in each Lodge in the State, we shall see to it that these new members are not merely added to the rolls, but become, in very truth and fact, Masons in their hearts. I enjoin upon every Lodge the necessity of the due investigation, careful instruction, and complete assimilation into our Masonic family, of these men who are now in such large numbers knocking at our doors. I think the older men among us would all agree that, in the

past, some mistakes have been made. Let us not repeat that experience.

"Remember always the words of our Ritual: 'It is better that no workman be added to the roll, than that one unworthy be permitted to cross the threshhold of the Lodges.' "

CANADA (In the Province of Ontario). 1944

MEMBERSHIP

"The report of the Grand Secretary will show an increase of 1,552 in membership for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1943, a gratifying continuation of the improvement noted a year ago in this respect. While it is not my intention to transgress on the report yet to be given you, I would like to make comment on three gratifying features. Part of the increase is obtained by the restoration of 476 of our brethren, the greatest number of reinstatements for many years. The second cause for gratification is that, during the year, the number of suspensions was by far the lowest in many years. As I compare the suspension figures for this year I find that they are much lower than was considered a fair average twenty years ago. Then from the preliminary figures submitted to me I find that the number of resignations has been reduced gradually each year until for this period we have what might be reasonably regarded as a sub-normal figure. These features appeal to me even more than the fact that the lodges are all enjoying a busier period with a substantial number of candidates being received throughout the entire jurisdiction. In the year to which I am referring, a total of 3,602 candidates was received, but, if I am to judge by the lodge notices received since January 1st, the influx is now at a much higher rate and in this calendar year, if the Fall months show the same continued interest, our gain will be much greater.

"In this regard, while by nature I am not a pessimist, nor do I want to appear to be cooling the ardor and enthusiasm of our membership, I must sound a warning if I

am to be true to my responsibilities as Grand Master. Let me preface my warning by intimating that I am not alone in the viewpoint I am about to express. Grand Masters of other jurisdictions throughout the Masonic world, in private many of them, and many in their Masonic pronouncements, have felt impelled to make similar comment. Make certain that every applicant for Masonry will make a real Masonic addition to the Craft. It is more than ever necessary to heed the old injunction, 'Guard well the Portals.' No matter how large or how small a lodge may be, it can only make a limited number of Masons in any one year, and if the lodge adds to its membership more applicants than it can make Masons, it is conferring no favour on either the Craft or the applicant. Let us, this time, make certain that there shall be no repetition of former unfortunate experiences which were foretold by Grand Masters a quarter of a century ago when they pleaded for more care, and when their plea so often went unheeded.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

"One can hardly touch on the matter of lodge finances without realizing how many of our lodges suffer from improvident life membership plans and the careless use of funds received from such fees. There are few lodges whose annual fees are more than sufficient to take care of ordinary expenses, let alone provide for free life membership at specific periods. Yet there are some lodges in which life membership is granted after the brother has paid dues for as short a period as twenty-five years. In other lodges the fees paid to purchase life membership are being used as current receipts. Of course, they should be placed in a reserve account as a capital asset. I recommend that the finance committee of all lodges investigate this matter and, where necessary, that they bring practicable proposals for amendment to the lodge by-laws so that difficulties in later years may be avoided. I can assure you that already this is a real problem with several of our lodges and it is gratifying to learn that some, at least, are facing it.

LODGE NOTICES

"In recent years several of the lodges have extended the use of the lodge summons greatly beyond its original purpose of calling the brethren to stated and emergent meetings. Some notices are almost in book form with a variety of news items which may or may not be of any interest to the membership generally. It is quite in order for the Worshipful Master or the Secretary to convey a Masonic or lodge message through this medium, but there is no place for much of what has come to my attention during the past year. For example, it is highly improper to advise through the notice that Bro. A— has established, set up or moved his business to a certain address. Again the notice should not be used for invitations to attend meetings, concerts, etc., sponsored by any body outside of Craft Masonry, or such organizations as are part of Craft Masonry, such as Past Masters' Associations. No emblem, crest or insignia of any organization other than Craft Masonry should be used or shown on notices. The foregoing will indicate to some extent my attitude with regard to matters which have appeared in some lodge notices during this term. I reprimanded those responsible for another objectionable practice, namely that of including in the envelope which carried the summons other matter soliciting support for a commercial project, and I ask Grand Lodge to confirm the ruling made on that occasion as follows:

"It is contrary to Masonic precept to use the envelope which carries the lodge summons for the distribution of anything printed or otherwise with respect to any activity other than Craft Masonry, unless by permission of the Grand Master.'

"The permissive clause is to provide for instances which, in the opinion of the Grand Master, may be in the National or Craft interest."

MARYLAND. Grand Master. 1944

GOOD OF THE ORDER

"For the past six months, the subordinate Lodges have been very busy in conferring degrees. I trust the investigation committees have done their work well. Large membership is desirable, but not at the sacrifice of the careful consideration of the moral character of the petitioner. The increase in our membership during the last six months totals the number of 777, and 1,520 for the year."

MAINE. Grand Master. 1945

"Measured by most every yardstick Masonry in Maine appears to be healthy and prospering. The net gain of 1,431 members during the last year is the largest since 1921 and raised the total membership to 36,963. The impressive total of 2,490 members raised, affiliated or reinstated during the past twelve months brings memories of the days after World War I. when our membership swelled rapidly, only to decline equally sharply a few years later. There has been evidence that some lodges could and should have weighed more carefully the qualifications of their applicants.

"May the Great Architect forgive us if we allow ourselves to think that the strength of our great fraternity is primarily measured in numbers. Our true condition is reflected in our good deeds, and in the degree to which we measure up to the tenets of Masonry."

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

FLORIDA. Grand Master. 1944

"If the experience of my predecessors has been the same as mine—and several of them have told me that it has—one does not fully realize the importance of this office until he has been Grand Master. All now in the elective offices have at one time been District Deputies. It is my impression that

all the Grand Masters under whom it has been my privilege to serve since being a Florida Mason served previously as District Deputies in their respective Districts. Those who have not had the purple of the fraternity cast upon their shoulders served as well—and perhaps better—than those of us who have been more highly honored. They have gone out of office unheralded and unsung. We advanced one step in giving to them the recognition which is their due in conferring upon them the permanent title of 'Right Worshipful.' However, in further token of our appreciation for their services, I recommend that this Grand Lodge give to all present District Deputy Grand Masters, and to all future District Deputies, a lapel button on which shall be the Masonic emblem of the square, compasses, the letter 'G,' the two pillars and the eye, in gold in the center on a blue background, and around the circumference, on a blue background, the words, also in gold, 'District Deputy Grand Master—Florida.' (Approved).

"This report would not be complete if I did not say something about those personal representatives of the Grand Master, who are officially known as the 'District Deputy Grand Masters.' I am indebted to them for the many courtesies to me personally, and the fraternity is indebted to them for the excellent and conscientious manner in which they have supervised Masonic activities in their respective Districts."

ALBERTA. Grand Master. 1944

The office of District Deputy Grand Master is one of great importance and responsibility and should be filled only by competent, well informed brethren, who are ready and willing to sacrifice their time and use their talent to further the best interest of the Lodges in their respective Districts and Masonry in general. He is the personal representative in his District of the Grand Master and as such he should keep in close touch with every Lodge under his care. He should acquaint himself with their conditions, assist them in their problems and render service that will promote their general welfare.

VIRGINIA. Grand Master. 1944

“Following the lead of my distinguished predecessor, I asked that the District Deputies make their official visits and send in their reports within sixty days after their appointment. I am grateful to them for their hearty compliance with this request which gave me an opportunity to become acquainted with the condition of the Lodges early in my term and to make such suggestions to the Deputies and Masters of the Lodges as I thought indicated to rectify deficiencies.

“I am grateful indeed to these brethren for their faithful services and their assiduity in arranging the District Meetings. On only two of these was the Deputy concerned absent and in one of these instances he was out of the District attending another meeting. Four of the Deputies resigned by reason of entry into our armed forces.”

CANADA (In the Province of Ontario). Grand Master. 1944

D.D.G.M. MANUAL

“For some time it has been felt that, in addition to verbal instructions to the District Deputy Grand Masters and to insure uniformity of interpretation, a manual might be issued to which many members of the Board, and more particularly Chairmen of Committees, might make such contributions as they felt would be of value to the District Deputy Grand Masters, in the discharge of their duties. I recommend that a Committee be appointed to prepare such a manual and to set up such regulations governing its contents, control and distribution as they deem advisable.”

MASONIC EDUCATION

MINNESOTA. Grand Master. 1944

“A year ago the Grand Master dwelt at length on this subject and made some timely suggestions. Lodge attendance continues to be more or less disappointing. In a check of the first 65 reports from District Supervisors, which reports in-

clude 11 City Lodges, the total attendance at the 65 Communications reported on was 2,541, or an average of 39. The total membership of those 65 Lodges as of the first of last year was 25,410. Hence it is evident that there was only 10% of the entire membership present. From the reports I further learn that 30% of the 65 Lodges reported on had made no provision for any definite form of entertainment. I have observed that where there has been good ritualistic work, whether it be in the opening and the closing of the Lodge or in the conferring of the degree that the Brethren are more attentive and show interest, yet at times there is a tendency on the part of those who are not officers and have no direct part in the conferring of Degrees to feel that they have nothing to do. However, their part is also important and can be made more so through the attention that they give, helped to do so by the character of the work done by the officers. The indifference of officers can do too much in the discouragement of those who should also be set to work. There must be a reason for a Brother to want to go to Lodge other than just the reason that he is a member. There must be something of which he is more definitely a part. He must take home with him from his Lodge something of value and he must be assured in his mind as he leaves his Lodge room that the things worth while have not yet all been received by him. He must desire to seek more and more the light that is due him. He must go to his Lodge with faith and hope and we must not permit him to go away disappointed. I realize that men have duties and responsibilities apart from their Lodge that justify their absence from Lodge and I do not wish to appear too critical of Lodge attendance. The Committee on Masonic Research and Instruction has given careful consideration to this question and I am firmly convinced that if the programme they have in mind is carried out that we shall find a happier condition in many of our Lodges. The Grand Master last year set forth a programme in accord with the thoughts in the minds of the Committee on Masonic Research and Instruction of which he is now a member. He told us that the time had come when we must realize our greater responsibilities to our Brethren and in the furtherance of the plan a fund set aside in the General Fund of the Grand Lodge, in the hope that it would

be appropriated for the compensation of a Director of Masonic Service to be appointed by the Grand Master. Brethren, I am convinced that we have Craftsmen who can forge a key that will unlock many of the latent possibilities in our Lodges. I sincerely recommend that favorable consideration be given to this programme at this session of the Grand Lodge."

EDUCATIONAL LODGES

"On June 24th Education Lodge No. 1001 at Duluth was constituted by the Grand Lodge, with R.W. Brother Dick A. Mitchell, Deputy Grand Master, presiding. For that purpose an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in due form on the Third Degree at the Masonic Temple, 4 West Second Street, Duluth, Minnesota. This is the first Educational Lodge Chartered by this Grand Jurisdiction. It is of interest to note that Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Chauncey C. Colton, is its first Master and Worshipful Brother Walter B. Congdon, Grand Sword Bearer, is its first Secretary-Treasurer. It is further of interest to note that any Master Mason in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction may become a member on his election and any Master Mason in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge of any other Grand Jurisdiction may become an associate member on his election. We congratulate the officers and members of this Lodge and shall follow their progress with interest."

NOVA SCOTIA. *Grand Master. 1944*

EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION

"We stressed the necessity of instruction to newly-made Masons and the education and training of Lodge Officers."

RULINGS AND DECISIONS

NEVADA. *Grand Master. 1944*

"In order that petitioners for the degrees of Masonry have a better understanding of the exact nature of our

institution from the start, and in order to prevent disappointments after initiation and dissatisfaction by Masonic families, and in order to aid examination committees, I recommend that our form of petition for the degrees of Masonry be revised by the Grand Secretary to include the following statement concerning Freemasonry. The statement is to be read by the petitioner before signing the petition, then detached and retained by the petitioner:

“Having expressed a desire to become a Freemason, we presume you have thoroughly considered the step you propose to take. The exact nature of our Institution being unknown to you, we consider it advisable that you should be informed on certain points, and knowledge of which might affect your decision to apply for membership.

“Freemasonry strives to teach a man the duties he owes to God, his neighbor and himself. It has for its foundation the great basic principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and requires a belief in the immortality of the Soul. It interferes neither with religion nor polities. Admission to the Institution must not be sought from mercenary or other unworthy motives, nor from hope of personal gain or advancement. Anyone so actuated will be disappointed, and in all friendship we warn you.

“Freemasonry is not a benefit society. We do not subscribe so much a year to entitle us to draw financial relief; or to make provision for those we leave behind, or to admit us to a Masonic Home. Its charity is intended for those who, through no fault of their own, have met with misfortune.

“Freemasonry has in all ages insisted that men shall come to its door entirely of their own free-will; not as a result of solicitations; not from feeling of curiosity; but from a favorable opinion of the Institution and a desire to be ranked among its members.

“We think it advisable to inform you that should you be admitted it will entail certain financial obligations, which you should be able to afford without detriment to yourself or those dependent on you. In addition to the fees payable with

your petition, there will be an annual subscription for the support of your Lodge, as provided in its By-Laws.

“We trust you will consider these statements in the same spirit of honesty and friendship in which they have been presented. It is of the utmost importance to you as well as to Freemasonry that the motives and ideals governing your daily life be in substantial accord therewith.

“In addition to those questions now answered by the applicant, the following be included:

1. Are you married, divorced or single?.....
2. If married, are you living with your wife?

“The committee be required to personally interview the applicant and answer, in addition to other questions:

1. Does he pay his debts promptly?.....
2. Have you personally interviewed the applicant?.....”

MAINE. Grand Master. 1945

“Twice I was asked concerning physical qualifications. My reply in each instance was that if a candidate was physically maimed, but not to the point where he could neither receive nor impart Masonic instruction, he was eligible under our rules to receive the degree.

“Once I was asked what course a Lodge should pursue when an elected candidate reported to the Master that he had decided not to take the degree and also expressed the hope that his deposit fee might be returned to him. I replied that I knew of no power on earth, or above or below it, which could compel an elected candidate to take the degrees should he choose not to do so. I further informed the Lodge that the matter of retaining or returning the deposit fee was for it to decide, but I ventured the suggestion that the diplomatic thing to do would be to return it.”

NORTH CAROLINA. Grand Master. 1944

"A Lodge asked the question, 'Can a candidate affirm instead of swear?' when being coached. My answer was 'no.' according to the decision of two Grand Masters as follows: 'None of the degrees in Masonry can be conferred upon a candidate who does not accept the verbiage of the obligation as prescribed by the Grand Lodge.' Decision by Grand Master Cash, Proceedings, 1926, page 169; 'A candidate must be sworn on the Holy Bible.' Cf. decision by Grand Master Anderson, Proceedings 1927, page 157:

'A Lodge asked if a man who had lost his right hand could take the degrees in Masonry. My answer was 'yes,' according to the Code, page 66, section 116, paragraph 3:

"Maim or deformity shall not prevent a candidate from being initiated, passed, or raised, provided such candidate can by artificial means comply with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this section."

SASKATCHEWAN. Grand Master. 1944

"During the year the question of physical requirements in candidates came before me several times. I have adhered to the Constitution in dealing with that question, Section 150 of the Constitution provides that if an applicant can comply with the requirements of our ceremonials by the aid of artificial limbs and is otherwise worthy material his petition may be entertained on obtaining a dispensation from the Grand Master. When those conditions were met I granted dispensations, but when an application was made without meeting those conditions I refused a dispensation. I also refused a dispensation for an applicant who is totally blind. That caused me much concern, but I am sure that I was right. I heard the Grand Master of one of the largest of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions recommend to his brethren that all physical requirements be abandoned as mediaeval and outgrown. I watched for the result. I have since learned that the only change which his Grand Lodge made was such as to

make its Constitution practically identical with ours. A review item by item of our ceremonies of making Masons will reveal that any great change in our Constitution in regard to physical requirements will necessitate radical changes in our ceremonies and the abandonment of a substantial part of our symbolic teaching. When I was first called upon to consider this question I purposed recommending to this Grand Lodge that a special committee be appointed to study the whole question anew and report a year hence. My study of the question and my contacts with other Grand Jurisdictions have convinced me that no good purpose would be served by so doing, and I make no recommendation of change.

"I was not called upon to make many rulings. The matter of holding an emergent meeting on Sunday for some purpose other than a funeral came before me. I am so sure that Freemasonry is a handmaid to religion and a support for the observance of a special day for religious purposes that I had no hesitation in ruling that Lodge meetings for purposes other than for attendance at Divine Service or funerals may not be held on Sunday. Masonry has a moral standard to maintain which it seems to me requires this token of respect of that day.

"I was called upon more than once to restrain Lodges from some action which entered the field of polities, that is, of National or Provincial affairs. Brethren become so interested in war problems or rehabilitation problems that they are prone to turn to an effort to influence government policies in these respects. The object may be excellent and the Brethren as citizens are quite within their rights in advocating government action. But neither in their Lodges nor as individual Masons can they do such things without violating one of the cardinal principles of Freemasonry."

VIRGINIA. Grand Master. 1944

"The following decision I feel should be reported for purposes of the record.

“Q.—Will you advise me whether there is any proper procedure we may take to eliminate from our membership roll an honorary member? We have such a one we feel there is no reason why we should continue to carry thereon; he has never visited our Lodge during the past fifteen years; he was placed on our roll shortly after this Lodge was organized, for what reason I have never been able to ascertain; he is unknown personally to any of our active members. I have ascertained that he is not a Past Master, and I gather from the Digest that this is a requirement for honorary membership.

“A.—Since Honorary Membership is voluntarily conferred, I saw no reason why a Lodge should not have the right to take away what it has voluntarily given and so held that the honorary member could be dropped from the list of honorary members by a proper motion adopted by the Lodge at a Stated Communication.”

NOVA SCOTIA. Grand Master. 1944

DECISIONS

“Question asked by M.W. Bro. G. Stevens, P.G.M.

“In a recent issue of a Halifax newspaper there appeared a funeral notice asking officers and members of the Halifax Chapter, No. 7 Order of the Eastern Star to assemble at a certain address for the purpose of attending the funeral of a late sister of this order. This notice was surmounted by an emblem, the exact duplicate of our Masonic emblem. I would like a ruling from the Grand Master as to the legality of any fraternity or body using this emblem, other than our own Masonic fraternity.

“Answer—‘The emblem of the Masonic Order is not copyrighted. Therefore, we cannot legally prevent other societies from using it.’

“Question asked by Virgin Lodge, No. 3.

“Could a ballot be taken for three, two of whom were candidates for initiation, and the other one an application for affiliation?

“Answer—No, the candidates are not ‘Masons.’ The application for affiliation is a ‘Brother Mason’ and should not be grouped in a ballot with candidates for initiation.

“Question asked by Athole Lodge, No. 15.

“On April 14th last, one A. V. K. passed a successful ballot in Athole Lodge, and has not since been able to present himself for any of his degrees, owing to the fact that he is a Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Navy, and is now on the West Coast for what he believes to be permanently, and is very anxious about taking his degrees. Under the circumstances would it be possible for him to have the degrees conferred by a Lodge under the Jurisdiction of British Columbia?

“Answer—The candidate must receive the First Degree in the Lodge in which he was elected, before the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees can be conferred by another Lodge.”

OREGON. *Grand Master. 1944*

“There have been very few requests for rulings and decisions during the year, which indicates that harmony prevails throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

“The authority granted at the Annual Communication in 1943 to constituent Lodges to meet and open the Lodge at Undertaking Parlors, Churches, etc., for the purpose of conducting funerals, made no provision for the closing of the Lodge at the same place and in the same manner, and in July I was asked if it was lawful to close the Lodge at the Undertaking Parlors, Churches, etc.

“I ruled that it was the intent of the amendment to permit the Master to declare the Lodge closing at the Undertaking Parlors, stating that the important consideration was to keep a correct record of the meeting in the minutes of the Lodge and have them approved at the following stated communication.

"The old question of 'When is a man a Master Mason?' was asked in the same letter, and I stated (and this is not a ruling but simply a statement), according to Sec. 219 (1) a man is a Master Mason 'By having regularly received the degree of Master Mason, and signed the By-Laws.'

"I was asked to have the Grand Lodge officers lay the cornerstone of a church which was about completed. I wrote the committee in charge of arrangements that it was the policy of the Grand Lodge to lay the cornerstone of any building at the proper time, or when the foundation was ready to receive it, and not after the building is about completed. Therefore we could not lay the cornerstone."

OREGON. Grand Master. 1944

"The Master of a Lodge asked if it was lawful to petition for the degrees in either Royal Arch Chapter or a Lodge of Perfection before showing proficiency in the candidate's lecture of the Master Mason Degree, stating that no penalty was provided.

"I ruled that according to Section 238 (27) a Mason was required to show proficiency in the candidate's lecture of the Master Mason Degree before petitioning for degrees in any order or fraternal society 'The qualifications for membership being that of a Master Mason,' and a Brother violating this rule would be subject to Masonic discipline.

"The Master of a Portland Lodge asked for a ruling on the following questions:

"Several applicants were elected to membership by initiation. After they were declared duly elected it was called to the attention of the Master that two members who had not taken their Master Mason examinations on the candidate's lecture were present and voted, also one Master Mason who had taken the Master Mason Degree more than six months

previously and who had not been examined on the candidate's lecture, was also present and voted.

"1. Did a member lose his right to protest the legality of the ballot because he did not voice his protest when the ballot was taken?

"I ruled that he did not lose the right to protest the legality of the ballot, or, in other words, the action of the Master.

"2. If the protest is made, must it be in writing?

"I ruled that it must be in writing, for he is in reality preferring charges against the Worshipful Master for improper conduct of his Lodge.

"3. Is it going to be necessary to re-ballot?

"I ruled that a second ballot would be illegal, that it would not be necessary to re-ballot, and referred the Master to Section 225 (5): 'After the ballot has been taken as provided herein and duly examined first by the Wardens and finally by the Master, the result only, namely, "elected" or "rejected," be made known and recorded, and such result cannot be set aside by the Lodge, the Master, the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.'

"The same Master also asked for a ruling on the legality of a ballot when several members in good standing were admitted to the Lodge after balloting had started, and who took part in the balloting. The candidate was declared duly elected to become a member by initiation. During a recess some of the members insisted that the ballot was illegal, and stated that the petition should be balloted on again, which was done, and the candidate was declared rejected.

"I ruled that the first ballot was legal and referred him to Section 225 (5) as quoted above."

MAINE. Grand Master. 1945

"I have declined to approve three requests to hold meetings on Sundays for the purpose of conferring degrees.

"Three decisions were made which seem to be without precedent.

- "1. A relative of a member who had been suspended for non-payment of dues requested that he be permitted to secure the reinstatement of the suspended Brother without his knowledge or consent. On this question I ruled that a Lodge cannot act upon an application for reinstatement which comes from any person other than the former member himself.
- "2. An applicant in the armed forces wishing to join a Maine Lodge secured a waiver of jurisdiction from the proper Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction. When the waiver was received it was found to contain a conditional clause as follows: That the waiver was granted with the understanding that the prospective Mason should if accepted pay to the Grand Jurisdiction granting the waiver, the difference between the amount of the fee of the Lodge to which he applied and the minimum fee for the Grand Jurisdiction involved. On this question I ruled that our Lodge should not accept a waiver of jurisdiction which obligated a prospective member to pay any money to another Grand Jurisdiction. If the candidate wished to make a voluntary gift, that was entirely a personal matter.
- "3. Another question involving jurisdictional rights between Grand Jurisdictions called for a decision. One of our Lodges received an application which stated that the applicant had been rejected by a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction in 1920. An inquiry to the rejecting Lodge seeking information concerning the character and record of the applicant brought the reply that an applicant once rejected remains forever within the jurisdiction of the rejecting Lodge unless

and until the objection has been removed. In this case twenty-five years had elapsed since the rejection and the candidate had been a resident of Maine for five years or more.

“My decision on this question was that our Maine Lodge could properly receive and ballot upon the application, if the applicant met all other requirements. I do not believe our Grand Lodge subscribes to the policy of a life claim to a rejected candidate.”

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